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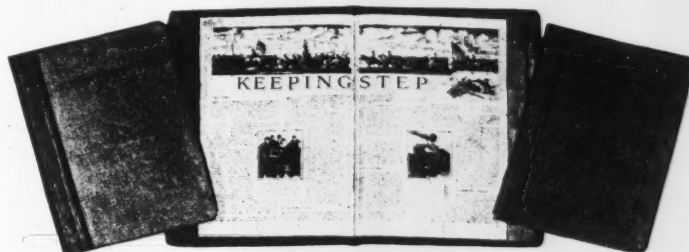
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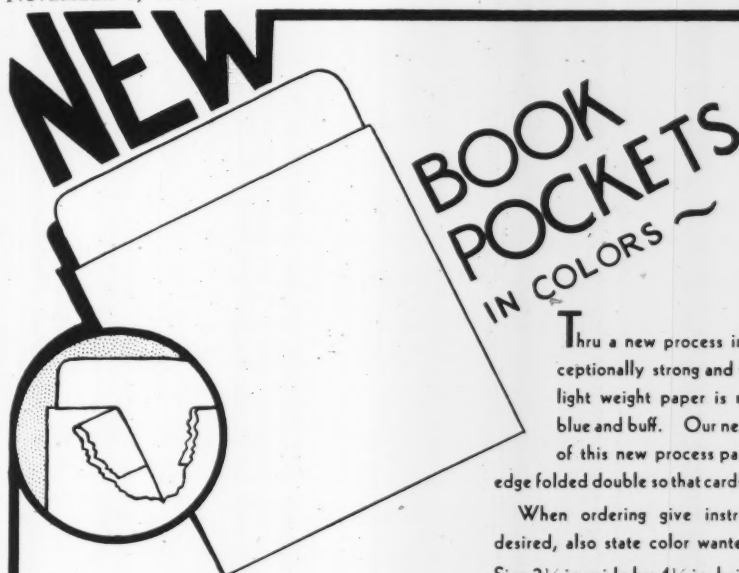
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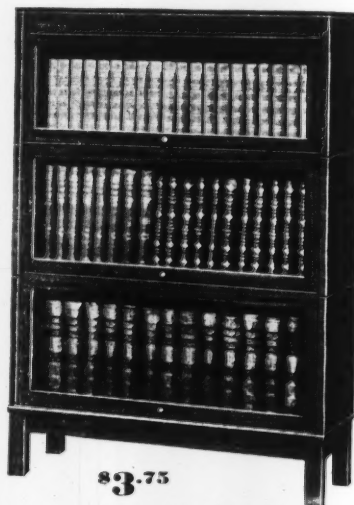
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## Forthcoming Issues of THE LIBRARY JOURNAL

✱ Among the articles of interest scheduled for the next issue will be a paper presented before the Ohio Valley Regional Group of Catalogers by Ruth Wallace, Head of the Indianapolis, Ind., Catalog Department, on "The Cost of Cataloging and Recataloging and How It May Be Reduced." She divides her paper into three sections: the first dealing with a review of the report of the A.L.A. Catalog Section Committee on "The Cost of Cataloging"; the second part taking up the investigations relative to cataloging costs which have been carried on since the report of this Committee in 1925; and the third division giving practical suggestions for reducing the cost of cataloging and recataloging. This is an excellent paper and is worth looking forward to. "How to Advertise Library Service to the Business Man" is a problem very much to the fore in public library work today and it is good news that we are able to promise a paper on this subject, written by Charles H. Compton of the St. Louis Public Library, in the next number.

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By Gentiliska Winterrowd

*Reference Librarian, Youngstown Public Library, Ohio*

THE PERSISTENT advertising of the well-known library slogan, "Use Your Public Library," brought during this past year 47,600 readers to the reference department of the Youngstown Public Library. These readers used 91,568 books and pamphlets, and 38,100 pictures in their search for information. The 19,000 queries covered such a wide diversity of subjects that it now seems no problem is too simple or too sacred, too large or too small, too old or too new to turn over to the reference department. However, before this infinite variety of questions that daily come to the reference desk can be satisfactorily answered, there must be wise selection and collection of materials with organized arrangement of details to avoid needless repetition of effort in the giving of effective service. Patrons do not realize the endless amount of housekeeping required to keep the various collections in order, but the success of the department depends largely upon this important feature of the work. The vast amount of detail required in the collection and preparation of pamphlets, maps, college catalogs, Youngstown clippings, and general clippings is seldom appreciated by users of this up-to-the-minute material, yet these sources of information are exceedingly useful in satisfying the increasing demand for the latest definite results of theories put into practice. Although the vertical file material is primarily for quick and ready reference, it has been found again and again that this well-selected material often supplies just the needed information when books have failed.

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The city directory collection brings perhaps the biggest returns for effort expended of any reference service. The time and care spent in keeping the collection in order, assisting inquirers and complying with the rules of the Association of North American Directory Publishers, which supplies the directories, are comparatively slight. The returns are enormous. Our valuable collection of 300 directories of leading cities brings increasing numbers of business and professional men to the Library, while telephone calls for such information are continually answered. Through the courtesy of the Youngstown office of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, about 100 telephone directories were added to our directory library. This gift and its regular continuance has greatly increased the value of the directory library.

Group service has been extended and developed along many lines. Increasing numbers of women's club committees meet in conference with us and plan their club programs. College and public school students, business and professional men also are aided extensively with collections of material reserved for debates, school essays, toasts, orations, speeches, newspaper contests and pageants.

Much time and thought is given to making the appearance of the reference room attractive. Three large pieces of plate glass placed on reading tables are in constant use for displays. During the summer when the tables are not covered with books and surrounded by readers, special emphasis is placed upon frequent and varied exhibits, and flowers are generously supplied by staff members and by the Garden Clubs of the city. Throughout the year interesting displays are shown of art books, new reference books, holiday materials, special season attractions such as Winter Sports, June Weddings, Bridal Showers, current events and vacation and travel guides. Many readers use our reference and periodical rooms for recreational reading, and frequently express their appreciation of our various exhibits. We also maintain a permanent display of Books about Books. Here are kept the latest book reviews and booklists, with many standard tools of book selection. The A. L. A. reading courses placed here lead to considerable work in adult education. Club women and readers of new books, having learned to help themselves, spend many hours at this book table, while many patrons prepare book reviews here and select home reading courses.

One of our most interesting achievements is the collection and organization of an Historical Collection which includes books about Ohio, historical and genealogical works. These are housed in an historical room under the supervision of the reference department. Genealogical records appearing weekly in *The Boston Transcript* are clipped, mounted and filed alphabetically by names of families. The interest of the local chapters of the D. A. R. and S. A. R. and others in genealogical research has resulted in generous gifts of money, society publications, books and magazines. Recently we secured the loan of an important collection of 200 books belonging to the estate of a genealogist. This gift includes many county histories, Revolutionary records, and a very valuable manuscript collection of cemetery inscriptions of Revolutionary soldiers from many cemeteries in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky. The appreciation expressed by the increasing number of people using this collection has proved that this phase of reference service is most worth while.



After all, the real test of the value of a large and well-selected collection of reference books to the community it serves is the use made of it. The keeping of statistical data to show accurately the volume of research and personal book selection for reference patrons is most essential to show the real use of the Library. This statistical information is a great aid in measuring the efficiency and growth of reference work and forms a basis of measurement of service much to be preferred over the old practice of general statements of growth. However, much preparatory and routine labor is disguised under apparently simple statistics as much of the routine cannot be shown. Samples of these unadvertised tasks are the daily checking, filing and shelving of documents, the securing of free pamphlet material, book selection, the collection of local publications, keeping up to date lists of reference tools, such as lists of city directories, college catalogs, periodicals, maps, etc., and the securing of pictures and vertical file material. The simple statement that so many pictures or so many clippings and pamphlets were added this month, covers an elaborate process. It means that dozens, perhaps hundreds, of gift magazines have been examined for suitable pictures and articles. Furthermore, the count of pictures circulated is no just measure of the labor involved in their selection for circulation from the file by a reference attendant. Often a dozen or more pictures are examined before one is taken from

the Library. Reference statistics of books used do not tell the full story. Much reference work is done right in the circulation stacks, and these books are never counted in reference statistics; neither are many reference books hastily used and restored to the shelves by the reference staff or patrons.

With us, advertising is stressed. Our service is not sold by a one-time publicity effort, but by continued repetition. Newspaper stories about the various phases of our service average over two a month, some of them being Sunday features. We have become advertising-minded and think it is of paramount importance to tell the public frequently of our "wares" and service. This year we published a feature story of our annual report, following this with a display of reference books and posters in a large bank window on our main street. Our news stories bring many readers, but we feel that satisfied patrons are our best mediums of publicity. Accuracy of information and a genuine interest on the part of the library assistants in the problem of each patron more effectively promotes the use of our reference department than any other publicity effort. The building of a usable reference collection, making it known to the public, rendering satisfactory service to each patron, and keeping statistics for the measurement of this service are deciding factors in the steadily growing use of the Youngstown Public Library reference department.

## Determining Proper Air Conditions for Libraries

By R. F. Morrison

TO PROPERLY condition air for libraries it is necessary to study the characteristics of papers, leather and textiles. One source of information is the regain of moisture by these materials which is shown by the curves in the chart. Here sheepskin, silk, cotton, rag paper, newspaper and commercial ledger paper regain curves are compared.

The three papers, in the order noted, consist of 100 per cent rag stock, 100 per cent chemical wood stock and a combination of 75 per cent rag stock mixed with 25 per cent chemical wood stock. Other papers furnish regain curves somewhat similar to those shown so that they

can be considered as characteristic or typical. All of these regain curves are based on room temperature slightly above 70 deg. Fahr.

Examination of these regain curves shows very clearly that the lowest rate of moisture regain for textiles and paper lies between 30 and 60 per cent relative humidity while that for sheepskin appears to lie between 50 and 70 per cent. It is in this region that these materials are least subject to change in characteristics of a physical nature. It is also evident that silk and sheepskin hold more moisture than paper or cotton throughout the range of relative humidities. This indicates that they are more seriously affected by low humidities. As far as leather is concerned, this is borne

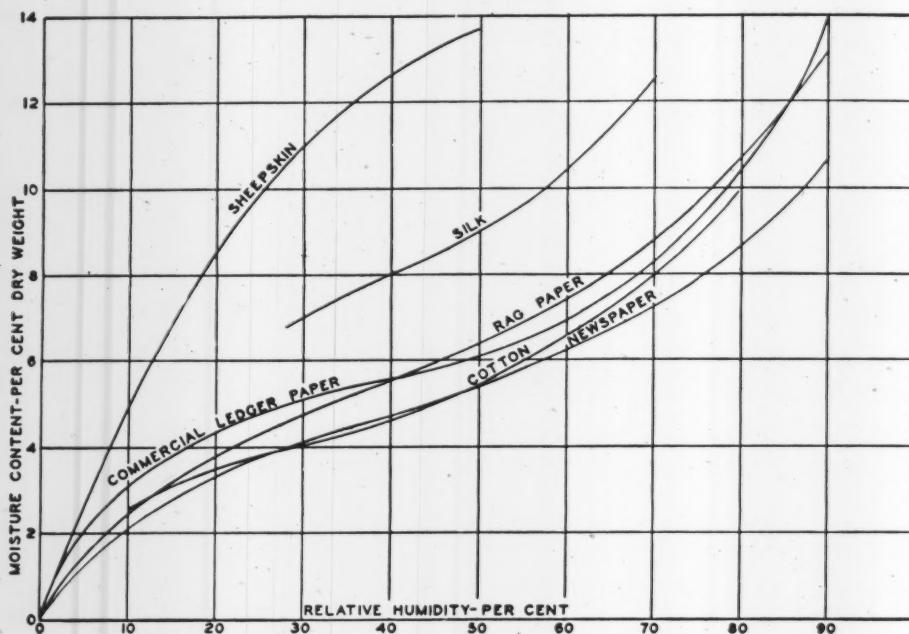
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out by an examination of leather-bound books which have reposed for long periods in libraries which have no air conditioning. Most of these leathers have dried out to such an extent that their condition is serious while the paper leaves are in much better condition.

Investigations by the Forest Products Laboratory have demonstrated that changes in the dimensions of papers are practically zero at 60 per cent relative humidity and also that the

which human comfort can be secured with such humidity and temperature conditions.

From data submitted by Yaglou and Drinker to the A. S. H. V. E.<sup>1</sup> in January, 1929, the effective temperatures which give the greatest human comfort for human beings normally clad are 66 deg. Fahr. in winter and 71 deg. Fahr. in summer. The following table is based on the above data and shows the most suitable dry bulb temperatures for various rates of air mo-



Moisture Regain Curves for Sheepskin, Silk, Commercial Ledger Paper, Rag Paper, Cotton, and Newsprint Paper

folding endurance of paper is at a maximum at 65 per cent relative humidity. Wilson and Fuwa have also proved rather conclusively that the equilibrium water content of materials such as papers and textiles is constant at room temperatures between 72 and 77 deg. Fahr.

From this information, it is evident that the desirable conditioning for libraries would be a relative humidity of about 60 per cent with a temperature which did not vary much from the range of 72 to 77 deg. Fahr. In the March issue of *Heating, Piping and Air Conditioning* will be found information which will enable the librarian to establish the proper air motion at

tion which are normally used and for a relative humidity of 60 per cent:

| WEATHER CONDITIONS SUITABLE FOR LIBRARIES AT 60 PER CENT RELATIVE HUMIDITY |                   |     |     |
|--|-------------------|-----|-----|
| F. P. M.   | 100               | 200 | 300 |
|  | Dry Bulb Temp. F. |     |     |
| Winter   | 71                | 73  | 75  |
| Summer   | 77                | 79  | 80  |

The explanation of human comfort and the term effective temperature will be found in the article referred to in connection with the charts.

It must not be forgotten that, in addition to the preservation of manuscripts and books, air conditioning for libraries means comfort for the reader and the elimination of dust from books, shelves and the atmosphere.

<sup>1</sup> American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers.



# A Classification of Library Records and Correspondence

By Charles F. Woods

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IT IS WELL ACCEPTED that no modern business can be conducted without an adequate filing system, especially adapted to the particular business. After several years' experience with an inadequate scheme, the system here offered was worked out five years ago, has been in constant use since, and has given us great satisfaction and no disappointments. The interest expressed by librarians and students leads us to offer it to our co-workers. It is submitted without extensive notes, believing that it will be clear to the initiated and useless to others.

It is a truism to every student of classification that the notation is one thing and the classification itself another. The test of the classification is in its orderly sequence of subjects, while the notation offers a convenient means for maintaining that sequence. The notation here offered is of the decimal sort, affords opportunity of indeterminate subdivision and so far as possible has been so applied as to admit of further refinement of classification by addition of figures instead of by erasure and substitution.

Binet, in his little monograph on the "Psychology of Lightning Calculators and Blind-fold Chess Players," in part explains the ability of the latter by saying that a game of chess is a logical process and hence readily memorized. Every user of a classified catalog will appreciate this statement. As a logical arrangement such a classified filing system is easily memorized and requires no index except the classification itself, and to this we have been obliged to refer only occasionally for items rarely used.

Duplicate copies of letters and memoranda are sometimes made for double filing and cross-references are occasionally made on the folders themselves. The numbers and names on the tabs of the folders are written with a bull-  
tin typewriter.

Ours is a unique organization, combining three functions, a municipal public library, a county free library and a library school, two at least of which commonly exist separately. It is not to be supposed that any institution will find it feasible to adopt this scheme as it stands, but it is hoped that it may prove suggestive. A county free library, for instance, would find very inadequate the divisions which we have assigned to the county library in our scheme

and would need to adapt a large part to its own needs. There may be some inconsistencies in principle and in detail. Time and place proceed from the lesser subdivisions to the greater, while general topics are divided into special. The classification may be indefinitely extended, perhaps improved. So far as that is concerned, we hardly expect and scarcely desire to arrive at definitiveness.

## CLASSIFICATION OF OFFICE RECORDS AND CORRESPONDENCE

### ESTIMATES, REPORTS, VOUCHERS, FINANCE

- 10 STATEMENTS AND ESTIMATES of the librarian, by years
- 10.5 Auditor's monthly report of balances
- 11 DAILY CASH, by months, and includes month's sheet
  - 11.1 Monthly cash report to auditor
  - 11.2 Pay rolls
  - 11.5 Bank statements
- 12 MONTHLY REPORT of librarian
  - 12.7 Circulation
- 13 ANNUAL REPORT, by years
  - 13.1 Notes for same
  - 13.2 Mailing list for same
  - 13.8 Postage account, including shipments of all kinds
- 14 SUMMARY REPORTS
  - 14.2 Records of mailing lists of same
- 15 REQUIRED REPORTS to outside organizations
  - A. L. A., State Library (California), Carnegie Corporation, etc., in alphabetical order
- 16 VOUCHERS (by years, months and numbers)
- 17 FUNDS AND ENDOWMENTS (see also 33.1—Gifts)
  - Chase, Correja, Dorothy Daniels, etc. (alphabetically)
  - 17.5 Bank statements; Chase, Correja, Dorothy Daniels, Pay Book Fund (alphabetically)
- 18 REVENUES (see also 10); Budget and arguments therefor.
- 18.7 Sales
  - SERVICES AND PERSONNEL
- 20 RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY, as subject

- 20.6 Laws and regulations, local and California  
 21 NOTICES FOR THE PRESS and advertising (copy)  
 21.1 Clippings  
 23 PROPERTY  
 23.5 Buildings and grounds (Main Library)  
 23.51 Rental of rooms  
 23.59 Pictures of library  
 23.6 Receipts for keys  
 23.7 Additions  
 23.8 Furniture and fixtures  
 23.89 Receipt for furniture, etc.  
 23.9 Janitor  
 24 LIBRARY BOARD  
 24.1 Present Board Members  
 24.12 Former Board Members  
 24.2-9 Committees of Board  
 25 ORGANIZATION OF LIBRARY; classification of employees; duties of employees  
 26 LIBRARIAN, as subject or addressee  
 28 APPLICATIONS FOR POSITIONS (Divide like 30); see also 65.1  
 28.9 Personnel; employees, personnel records.  
 29 SALARIES
- DEPARTMENTS
- 30 GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDA  
 31 OFFICE  
 32 ORDER  
 32.2 Book orders and correspondence relating thereto  
 32.4 Individual booksellers, miscellaneous  
 32.5 Periodicals, main subscription list and bids, by years  
 32.51 Price and check lists, current periodicals  
 32.52 Back numbers and sets  
 32.55 Dealers and subscription agents (A to Z)  
 32.57 Individual periodicals (A to Z)  
 32.59 Society memberships  
 33 ACQUISITIONS  
 33.1 Gifts and acknowledgments  
 33.5 Requests for purchase (A to Z)  
 33.7 Lists of acquisitions  
 33.71 Miscellaneous lists, as compiled  
 33.9 Exchanges  
 34 CATALOG  
 37 REGISTRATION AND CIRCULATION  
 37.1 Registration, as subject  
 37.2 Registrants  
 37.5 Circulation, as subject, tables, methods, etc.  
 37.57 Pay shelf  
 37.6 Delinquent borrowers  
 37.7 Misdemeanors
- 37.9 Children's room  
 37.98 Children's reading  
 37.99 Lists of children's books  
 38 REFERENCE  
 38.3 Periodical section and service (see also 32.5)  
 39 BINDINGS AND BINDERS  
 39.5 Individual binders  
 39.6 Binding prices
- BRANCHES
- 40 RIVERSIDE CITY BRANCHES  
 41-47 Individual branches  
 48 RIVERSIDE CITY HIGH and junior high schools  
 49 RIVERSIDE CITY SCHOOL branches (elementary)
- RIVERSIDE COUNTY FREE LIBRARY
- 50 THE COUNTY FREE LIBRARY (generally), as subject  
 50.6 Legislation, laws and regulations, other than California  
 51 RIVERSIDE COUNTY FREE LIBRARY  
 51.1 Notices for press and advertising  
 51.2 Press notices and advertising as printed  
 51.4 Special tables, finance and costs, statistical data, statements and reports by Librarian to Board of Directors and Board of Supervisors, by years  
 51.6 Legislation, laws and regulations, California and local  
 51.7 County circulation, general record  
 51.8 Record of books sent  
 52 BRANCHES AND DEPOSIT STATIONS, including "Proposed branches"  
 54 COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS  
 55 COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS  
 56 STATE LIBRARY (loans)  
 57 INTERLIBRARY LOANS  
 58 INDIVIDUAL LOANS (extension)
- RIVERSIDE LIBRARY SERVICE SCHOOL
- 60 LIBRARY SCHOOLS, general  
 60.6 Legislation, laws and regulations, other than California  
 61 RIVERSIDE LIBRARY SERVICE SCHOOL, as subject  
 61.1 Notices for press and advertising  
 61.2 Press notices and advertisements as printed  
 61.3 Memoranda and records on mailing lists  
 61.4 Special tables, finance and costs, statistical data, statements and reports by Librarian to Board of Trustees, by years  
 61.6 Legislation, laws and regulations, California and local

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| 61.7  | Credit and accreditation  | 70.6  | Laws and regulations, general  |
| 61.9  | Entrance examinations   | 71    | LIBRARIES OF CALIFORNIA. Arrange by name if significant, otherwise by place. (See also 51) |
| 61.95 | Entrance examinations, other schools  | 72    | LIBRARIES OF UNITED STATES, outside California. Arrange as next above                      |
| 62    | SESSION FOLDERS, current and impending sessions, by sessions  | 73    | FOREIGN LIBRARIES. Alphabetically by country   |
| 62.1  | Year course, past sessions  | 75    | LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS, general (other than as specified, alphabetically)                    |
| 62.2  | Winter course, past sessions  | 76    | AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION   |
| 62.3  | Summer course, past sessions  | 76.1  | Boards and committees of same  |
| 63    | "INQUIRIES" AND "APPLICATIONS," current and impending sessions  | 78    | CALIFORNIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION   |
| 63.1  | Inquiries, final distribution (A to Z)  | 78.01 | Boards and committees of same  |
| 63.2  | Entrance requirements   | 78.1  | Districts other than sixth   |
| 63.3  | Student loan funds  | 78.6  | Sixth District (local)   |
| 63.5  | Students (resident and former). Year course and short session students grouped separately without change of number. |       | OFFICIAL   |
| 63.59 | Samples of forms for student records  |       | (Alphabet by officers and departments)   |
| 64    | SPECIAL LISTS OF ALUMNI   | 80    |  |
| 65    | APPLICATIONS FOR POSITIONS IN LIBRARY SCHOOL (see also 28)  | 81    | RIVERSIDE CITY   |
| 65.4  | Instructions to teachers  | 82    | RIVERSIDE COUNTY   |
| 65.5  | Teachers (alphabetical)   | 83    | CITIES OF CALIFORNIA, other than Riverside   |
| 66    | POSITIONS WANTED BY STUDENTS  | 84    | COUNTIES OF CALIFORNIA, other than Riverside   |
| 67    | HELP WANTED   | 85    | CITIES OF OTHER STATES than California   |
| 67.6  | Employment agencies   | 86    | COUNTIES OF OTHER STATES than California   |
| 68    | CURRICULA   | 87    | STATES OF UNITED STATES, including California  |
| 68.5  | Teachers' outlines by years   | 88    | UNITED STATES  |
| 68.9  | Readings for prospective students   | 89    | FOREIGN COUNTRIES  |
| 69    | OTHER LIBRARY SCHOOLS, ALPHABETICAL   |       | MISCELLANEOUS  |
| 69.5  | Other training agencies   | 90    | MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE, A to Z, general and individual folders same number           |
| 69.8  | Scholarships and fellowships  | 99    | SUBJECTS, other than above classified  |
|       | LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS  |       |  |
| 70    | LIBRARIES   |       |  |
| 70.1  | Theory, utility   |       |  |
| 70.5  | Finance   |       |  |

## The Vancouver Public Library: a Six Years' Record of Growth

By Julia C. Stockett

Reference Librarian

IN NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THREE, when Vancouver numbered 27,000 people, a Carnegie building was erected in the central part of the business district. Since then growth has reached out in all directions and, with the amalgamation of outlying suburbs in 1929, "Greater Vancouver" ranks as Canada's third city, only Montreal and Toronto being larger. In the course of expansion the main retail district has moved from a half to three-quarters of a mile away and the library remains on an East End corner—perhaps the noisiest in Van-

couver. Most of the city and interurban lines pass in four directions on two sides of the building, heavy trucks thunder by, street signals sound, crowds gather at the nearby market, the fire department dashes through, and organizations parade with bands. It is often a real achievement to answer a telephone question, especially when a building is being erected across the street or a general election is in progress.

The Japanese section lies on one side of the library, the Chinese on the other, and pictur-

esque groups of Indians and East Indians mingle with crews from ports far and near, for the wharves are not many blocks distant. In these days of world wide unemployment, Vancouver also has its crowds of men out of work and the library's location makes it a casual refuge, increasing the constant surge in and out.

The building has long been outgrown and its arrangement is inconvenient in the extreme for modern organization, especially departmentalization. Expenses run very high for heating, light, service and overhead generally, such as frequent repairs and rearrangements planned to accommodate ever larger crowds. In spite of these disadvantages, statistics of the past six years show an amazing growth. The library has passed one goal after another and faces a well-planned future expansion which will be as rapid as funds are available. No institution can ever "arrive," but many libraries have reached the stage where growth will be much more gradual than in the past. Vancouver's public library, however, has only rapidly overcome preliminaries and now faces dramatic possibilities of approaching the city's progress, keeping abreast with it and going farther ahead.

In 1921 the first trained librarian was added to the staff and the making of a modern catalog commenced. The year 1924 marked the appointment of the present librarian and the heads of the Boys' and Girls', Loan, Order, and Reference Departments. The selections were made from trained and experienced people, setting definite standards and equalizing salaries. The same year also saw a bindery installed. Today there are two binders and three full-time assistants, and the library has all the advantages of having its work done on the premises. Visitors are often surprised to find a bindery so comparatively large, but, besides the current work, it has been necessary to care for a long standing collection of unbound periodicals and to rebind entire sections of the book stock.

Up to this time the library had been operated under an obsolete by-law, but 1925 saw it starting to function under the Public Libraries Act. This placed the Vancouver Public Library under the same working conditions as other libraries in British Columbia; the

Board is appointed for two years, its duties and powers are defined and the library may receive certain benefits from the Commission, including money grants. Two outstanding events occurred in 1926. First an apprentice class was organized lasting from May to August. The advantages to the library are marked and a number of excellent students from the University of British Columbia are being recruited into librarianship each year. In the second place the preliminary work was done for Kitsilano Branch, which was opened in

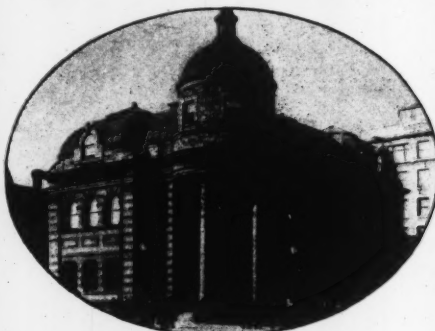
1927. The building itself represented the first outlay of city money in library construction. Its use is phenomenal; that its service is appreciated is evident to the most casual onlooker watching the length of the line working toward the desk.

In 1929 our neighbors, the City Hall employees, moved and the two buildings were connected. The Boys' and Girls', Catalog and Order Departments, and the Bindery took possession of

adequate quarters. The Periodical and Newspaper Room was expanded over the entire second floor of the former City Hall; the attendance in a single day has run to 862 readers. Space was freed in the main building for the beginning of a flourishing Science and Industry Division and a Fine Arts and Music Division will be opened in the fall. A Reference stack room was built and has been filling rapidly the past year; there are still 13,000 uncataloged volumes which will be added. Crowding in the public departments grows more deplorable but reflects the need the library is filling. Even greater crowding would be preferable to any falling off in use.

After five years' gradual advance it was possible to grade salaries further and to put them on a par with those of other cities in accordance with the standards recommended by the A. L. A. Fully qualified local assistants need not be penalized now for their natural desire to work in their home city. While esprit de corps and staff morale have always been high, such a system necessarily results in even better service to the public. Recently librarians have been included as civic employees under the provincial superannuation system. It is not possible to enter into details here, but the provisions made are fair and adequate.

A survey of the city for branches shows



*The Vancouver Public Library, a Carnegie Building, Erected in 1903*



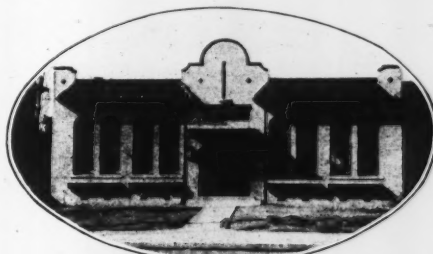
present need of twelve. In 1927 and 1928 by-laws, providing for three and five respectively, failed by extremely narrow margins. A new main building is needed; it may come as part of the projected Civic Center or it may be in a more centrally located downtown district. A ten year plan includes both branches and a main building; extends juvenile work beyond its present scope in two buildings, four schools and the playgrounds; provides for further departmentalization, extension service to foreigners, stations, hospitals, penal and other institutions; etc., and to a business and municipal branch—to mention the most obvious developments. The territory covered should include not only Greater Vancouver proper but adjacent areas logically connected with the city.

Other libraries in the West have contributed freely to Vancouver's growth. Opportunity for studying in more advanced systems has been readily granted, aggregating several months. Both smaller and larger libraries have opened their resources of personal help and experience; in fact, wherever libraries were ap-

proached they have been most generous in their responses. This city's development coming later in the day is building on the experiments of others. Vancouver's special progress is significant as one part of a recent library awakening in British Columbia. An hour from the center of the city is the University of British Columbia's artistically constructed and well

equipped building, opened in 1925. The Fraser Valley demonstration in rural extension, backed by the Carnegie Corporation, the government of British Columbia and its Library Commission, is rapidly getting into swing with the most promising results. Already the influence of Canada's two library schools is being felt in the province most

remote from them. McGill University Library School opened a long course in 1927 and the University of Toronto in 1928; in both institutions special attention is given to Canadian problems. Further impetus to library progress in British Columbia will spring from the recently appointed Library Commission that is touring Canada in behalf of the Carnegie Corporation.



*Kilsilano Branch of the Vancouver Public Library, Opened in 1927*

## Our Obligation to Libraries in State Institutions

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MODERN LIFE and modern problems are contributing alarmingly to the population of our state institutions, both penal and charitable, with the result that the searchlight of publicity is focusing with revealing clearness upon these institutions as never before. Superior or inferior administration, housing, equipment and facilities for educational and library purposes are receiving attention from welfare workers, the press, and the public, according to the situation revealed. It is well, then, that, as leaders of state library development, we give thought to the subject, "Our Obligation to Li-

braries in State Institutions," and ask ourselves if the growth of library service to the wards of our respective states has kept pace with the development of public library service. Even a superficial comparison of these two branches of library progress will point to a negative answer. What has brought about this situation? Is this condition the result of lack of interest, initiative and organization on the part of state library leaders? Is it the result of indifferent attitudes on the part of administrators of state institutions? Or is it the result of a selfish tendency to turn from the work which is sometimes uncongenial to the task that does not bring one in contact with "the sick in mind, body and estate" and morals?

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Of all the contributing factors advanced for this condition in the several states, the one most commonly cited is lack of funds, that much overworked refuge to which we, as state people, are wont to flee when uncomfortably pressed concerning "the things which we have left undone." Whatever the cause, it remains for directors of state library agencies to recognize greater obligations on their part, and to take steps to include definite and constructive institutional library programs in their extension activities.

What are some of the facts about state library service to state institutions? Information secured through a recent questionnaire sent out to all state libraries and library commissions showed that of the thirty-seven states responding, eleven reported no library service extended, while the twenty-six remaining states reported some form of library assistance. For example, New York State Library inspects all lists of books bought by the penal and reformatory institutions of the state, and the approval or disapproval of the library is final. This state, in 1916, made a decided contribution to prison library service when it published a List of Prison Books, which remains today the only standard bibliography available for the guidance of interested workers in prison libraries. The other states in this group recorded one or more forms of library assistance; such as, book selection, direct book loans, and loans of traveling libraries. In this group, in addition to the helps mentioned, the States of California, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont and Wisconsin assist in organization projects, or by visits in an advisory capacity to the state institutions. The questionnaire further revealed that Nebraska, by appropriating \$5,000 biennially for the work, is the only state in which an institutional library supervisor is provided by legislative enactment. The Board of Control in Minnesota created the position of a full time trained library supervisor under whom all library activities in the institutions function. This was also true of Iowa, the first state to employ an institutional library visitor, but the work under the Board of Control was allowed to lapse because of the lack of sympathetic support by a former official. Aside from the states of Minnesota and Nebraska, the work attempted is carried on by library commissions and state library agencies, and, in the majority of instances, the task undertaken is voluntary.

Because of limited time I have chosen to make specific mention of outstanding activities

in only two of the various branches of state institutional work—namely, prisons and tuberculosis sanatoriums. However, the illustrations given will demonstrate that, although different methods have been employed, the resultant service is practical, and receives the cordial support of the institutional administrators. Wisconsin, for its plan of reading courses and book loans, deserves the high recognition accorded that state in the 1929 *Handbook of American Prisons and Reformatories*, where, on page 1005, in reference to the State Prison at Waupun, the following statement appears:

... "the prison has the advantages of the most completely developed system of service from the State Free Library Commission found in any American penal institution."

Commendation of the service is made by Austin A. MacCormick, now Assistant Superintendent of Federal Prisons, in the April, 1929, issue of *The Journal of Adult Education* from which the following paragraph is quoted:

"Another factor of great importance in the Wisconsin prison is the extent to which prisoners are given the benefit of the service of the State Free Library Commission. There is no other state which has gone so far in this direction. A prisoner may request reading courses in any subject and the Library Commission will supply him with individually prepared reading outlines and the necessary books, with no charge other than for the return postage. The possibilities which this opens up for cultural education are tremendous. It is interesting that the first requests for books from the prison were for books on mythology, and that they came from the women prisoners. The University representative acts as the unofficial agent of the Library Commission to the extent of transmitting prisoners' requests and supplying the Commission with information on the education background of an applicant. He stimulates prisoners to read and gives them advice on what to read. The close co-ordination between the Extension Division and the Library Commission is characteristic of Wisconsin practice; it is a concrete example of the way in which various agencies of a state can be effectively used in prison education."

At the present time there are sixty men at the State Prison at Waupun actually using reading courses, and about twenty-five at the Green Bay Reformatory. In a period of ten months, twenty-eight men at Waupun completed the courses; at Green Bay, where the work has more recently been offered, five men have carried their courses to completion. To make the work more effective, book report blanks are to be furnished each man on which he will tell what he has learned from reading the book, and what he wants to learn from other books. The development of these reading courses is credited to Harriet C. Long, formerly of the Traveling Library Department of the Wisconsin Library Commission, and the



work made possible through the cooperation of Mr. Chester Allen, the representative of the University Extension Division work at these institutions. Minnesota has the distinction of maintaining the most efficient local prison libraries of any state in the Union. This rating can be attributed to the wisdom of the Board of Control in employing a full time institutional library visitor, and arranging for definite amounts in the budgets of the several prisons for books and magazines. From her base of operations at the State Capitol, the supervising librarian makes all purchases of books, in the selection of which she gives consideration to the suggestions of the local library attendant, the inmates and the superintendent. The State Prison at Stillwater has a collection of 10,000 well selected books in its library with an average monthly circulation of over 6000 volumes. At the present time a system of loan service from the State Library is being formulated.

In the following statement prefacing a list of classified books, the inmates of the penitentiary are made aware that books may be borrowed from the Oregon State Library: "The Oregon State Library is your library. Any library is 'a school out of school' for anyone who cares to learn something. Make your wants known, and they will receive attention." A well organized loan system has been established whereby any inmate may file with the State Library a service request for one book a week or one book a month on any particular subject. Besides the books listed, books on other subjects are furnished upon demand. An educational survey made in 1927 by the State School Superintendent furnished the information used as a basis in fitting the lists to the needs of the men, and is another example of the effective correlation of state departments. Nebraska prison libraries show the effect of the supervision of a state library visitor. The books are well chosen, and the collections substituted by generous loans from the library commission. The California State Library has worked out a system of book loans to San Quentin Prison, which contributes materially to the celebrated and effective educational work of that institution. This state, famous for its county libraries, has demonstrated the opportunity for expansion such a system presents to states wherein county libraries are sustained, by locating a branch of the Los Angeles County Library in the Whittier School for Boys—a penal institution.

When, after July 1 next, the Michigan Administrative Board releases \$5,000 for the purchase of books for the new branch of the Michigan State Prison at Jackson, the State Library will have reason to rejoice. It was

through the untiring zeal and enthusiasm of the chaplain, R. W. McLain, and Miss Isabel Horne, the School Library Supervisor of the State Library, that the library sentiment was created which prompted the request for special funds for books on the part of the prison officials. As the recent splendid work of reorganization of the old branch of the Prison Library developed, the officials came to a realization of the potential possibilities of a well organized library for the new institution, and, accordingly, delegated to the State Library the supervision of all book selection for the two branches of the Prison. A shabby collection of some books in a poorly lighted room comprised the library in the Old Prison. After a period of reorganization a visit to the library revealed an average monthly circulation of 4600 volumes, and a room completely rejuvenated by the following changes and additions: 1500 worthless and out-of-date books discarded; the complete rearrangement of shelving and lighting facilities; new windows built and room entirely redecorated; library recataloged; \$800 expended in the purchase of new books; and 500 books secured by donation from two public libraries. During the progress of the work the need of a reading survey was realized, so blanks were circulated to determine the type of books for which there is the greatest demand, and to gain an estimate of the general reading tastes of the men. The survey was voluntary. Of the 519 answers already received, 278 prisoners indicated definite requests for particular books or reading courses on special subjects. When the survey is completed, the information will be valuable in the formulation of reading courses or outlines, and as a guide in future book selection. Other penal institution libraries have received assistance in various forms from the Michigan State Library, but the development of the Jackson State Prison Library is the major accomplishment, and its success proves that a sincerely interested state library worker plus sincerely interested institutional officials can, within a reasonable time, produce results which will reflect credit upon the state, and contribute materially to the recreational and educational facilities of the respective institutions. Obstacles will be overcome, and funds somehow produced when these two forces unite to improve library conditions.

These examples of state service already in operation serve to show that prison library development has an appeal for some state library agencies. However, the interest displayed has failed, thus far, to carry sentiment to the point of employing a trained librarian in any state prison of the United States. May we hope

that the action of the Federal Prison Board, in appointing a Supervising Librarian and announcing the future appointments of trained librarians in each of the Federal Prisons, will have a far reaching effect on individual states, and lead to the gradual adoption of a similar policy. At least enough impetus may be given the subject that state institutional library supervisors will be the rule and not the exception.

Massachusetts has long occupied a conspicuous place in the front ranks of states concerned in the betterment of prison libraries. For this reason the library world rejoiced when announcement was made that a demonstration, financed by the Bureau of Social Hygiene, was to be undertaken in the prisons of that state under the direction of E. Kathleen Jones, General Secretary of the A. L. A. Committee on Institutional Libraries. Myron Fuller, a trained librarian, was engaged for the intramural activities of the project. Regret was felt, when, after a period of nine months, the work was necessarily discontinued because of local conditions. However, the incomplete demonstration served to quicken interest in prison libraries generally, and the report of the findings, published in the *Annual Reports* of the A. L. A., May, 1930, contains much valuable information gathered by the Committee. The objective of the Committee can best be presented by quoting from the *Report*:

"Convinced that in a well selected, well organized library the prison has one of its greatest aids to morale, as well as an important educational factor, this Committee set out to prove certain points: 1. That a budget or appropriation for the purchase of books is essential. 2. That the library, to be efficient, must be organized. 3. That there must be trained library service. In addition, it hoped to try out by actual experience the possibility or advisability of getting books to the attention of the prisoners in other ways than by the printed catalog."

Through the work at the Charlestown State Prison, which contains a large collection of books, well selected and cataloged, the Committee hoped to devise methods of getting the books to the attention of prisoners which would prove helpful in all prisons. Plans for trying out shop collections, bulletin board publicity, annotated lists on special subjects, and possibly direct contact with the men, were matured, ready to put into operation when the work ended. Chief among the needs for state prisons the Committee stresses lists of books and trained supervision, and as an alternative, suggests that a handbook be compiled by the A. L. A. Institutional Committee, which would contain very simple rules for the guidance of the untrained prison librarian in the operation of the library, as well as suggestions for book purchases and the use of publicity material.

Perhaps I have dwelt overlong on the prison phase of institutional library expansion, but the replies to the questionnaire disclosed that this feature was the one receiving more thought and interest on the part of library workers, due in part, to the impetus furnished by the Massachusetts demonstration, and by the action of the Federal Prison Board.

The same need exists for books in charitable institutions as exists in those classed as penal and correctional. In one, emphasis is laid on their value in educational programs; in the other, their worth is manifested along therapeutic lines. But in all institutions, whether a hospital for the insane, a prison, a school for the feeble-minded, a tuberculosis sanatorium, or a hospital for crippled children, the reading of books is looked upon as a very necessary part of the institutional activities. Their value is well expressed by Miss Nellie Williams, of the Nebraska Library Commission:

"Books are a wholesome diversion to those within all the institutions. To some they are more than a diversion. They are a means of directing by sane ways to normal avenues of life. For those who will continue to be shut-ins and for those who will become citizens at large we believe in books for our institutional wards."

The relatively high circulation records shown for institutional libraries sustain this statement: reports show that the average amount of reading during the year is twice the amount per patient or inmate as it usually is per individual in a community reached by the public library.

The tuberculosis sanatoriums, state and county, present another form of needed service demanding our attention. The tubercular patient, deprived of normal exercise and recreation because of his affliction, finds in books the only escape from the restrictions which the nature of his malady imposes. In such cases, books become of high therapeutic value, but, unfortunately, the average sanatorium library is limited in size and quality. Even in states maintaining traveling library systems, the service obviously cannot be extended to include sanatoriums of this class. Minnesota early recognized this need, and, in its comprehensive program of institutional library service, formulated a system of traveling libraries whereby twelve county sanatoriums receive reading facilities. Each collection contains twenty books and is moved every other month. The system functions under the Board of Control, where a definite budget is provided for its maintenance. Wisconsin has evolved a somewhat similar plan which operates under the Library Commission. The book supply, however, although furnished by the Commission, is concentrated at the State Hospital at Statesan.

Requests for books are supplied from there to the Northern Hospital at Tomahawk Lake and to the various county sanatoriums. This method of circulation eliminates the hazard of returned books coming in contact with books in the general State Traveling Library Department.

There is every assurance that Michigan will soon inaugurate a similar system of traveling libraries, for the State Library and county sanatorium heads have plans under way to place a collection of books in the State Sanatorium at Howell, and from this base operate a system of traveling libraries for the benefit of the various county sanatoriums. The cost of the service will be covered by the state and county sanatoriums contributing yearly one dollar per patient. The collection will be augmented by yearly, permanent loans of books from the State Library; and the selection of books, the organization and supervision of the project, will be under that department. In sympathy with the movement, the State Federation of Clubs has signified a desire to appropriate funds to be expended in the purchase of traveling libraries.

To summarize: Although progress is evident, the facts reveal that there is lack of continuity of service in many states, and lack of organized supervision in all states, save two: that with the exception of the Preston School for Boys

in California, not a penal or correctional institution employs a trained librarian; that but one state, Minnesota, provides a definite budget for all its libraries; that only a few charitable institution libraries maintain trained librarians. These facts, together with the knowledge that eleven states report no extension of state library service, force us to the conclusion that no great development will take place in institutional libraries until there is organization in each state of the forces interested. Naturally and logically, institutional heads and state officials will look to state library agencies for leadership in the movement; and, in assuming this responsibility, we must be ready with constructive programs which will win their respect and approval. Such programs should include appeals for adequate appropriations, organized libraries, and trained supervision. In the furtherance of our proposed programs, we must be ready to face discouragement and delays just as we do in other branches of our work. But, if we are sincere in our purpose and persistent in our efforts, tangible results will follow. The same social will which overrides obstacles in public and school library development must be depended upon to create sentiment for improved library conditions in state institutions. Finally, consideration for our appeals will not be granted unless we, ourselves, respect the appeals.

## Some Opportunities for Library Service in Adult Education

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THE PROGRAM of adult education is concerning itself today with a number of projects, among which the more prominent are: parent education, education by radio and screen, alumni education, rural education, and education through religious organizations. What are some of the library implications in connection with these movements?

Over a million fathers and mothers are enrolled in parent-teacher associations, presenting a united front through the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Thousands are likewise represented in child welfare movements. What is it these parents wish to know? In addition to bettering the schools, they wish to become better parents, to rear healthy children, to raise a generation strong in mind and body, ready to use profitably the leisure which the

new machine age is providing. In connection with this program of parent education, the libraries of the country are ready and willing to cooperate. They provide books for individual parents to read and for groups of parents to study. A parents' bookshelf is a feature in many libraries. Selected books are sent to groups which meet in schools and homes. Reading lists are made up for those who wish to read and study along special lines. Two Reading with a Purpose courses feature *Our Children* and *The Young Child*, and for the latter a study program on *The Preschool Child* is provided. Interest in this project varies from State to State and from community to community, but the library implication is obvious.

Education by radio is being studied by the

great broadcasting companies and other agencies. Four nation-wide projects with library implications have been tried: the Voters' Service of the National League of Women Voters, the talks on international relations by J. G. McDonald under the auspices of the Foreign Policy Association, the lectures and broadcasts on music appreciation by Walter Damrosch, and the American School of the Air. In each case the radio talk has been followed up with a list of books on that subject, for no lecture attains its full educational value without a continuing program of reading, discussion, and study. Some measures which a library can take in cooperation with these projects are:

- To secure lists sent out by these four agencies.
- To compile special lists on the subjects of the broadcast.
- To post a list of the titles in the library.
- To put the books out upon the open shelves.
- To arrange listening groups for educational features or important events.
- To provide for discussion circles.
- To announce selected programs.

Further developments along these lines are being studied.

Visual instruction through motion pictures has long been recognized, not only to teach but to follow up the lesson with books and reading. This has been done successfully by libraries when important pictures have been shown locally, such as "Disraeli." Now, with the advent of the talkies, educational possibilities are even more evident. Portable machines are on the market and these can be used in classrooms and libraries to show a process, to illustrate a method, or to tell a story with acted events.

Alumni are showing an interest in cultural and vocational subjects which they could not study in college, or in which they have not kept up to date. They are returning to an "alumni college" for a week of lectures and discussions, as sixty men did at Lafayette in June, 1929. Over 120 returned this June. Similar alumni weeks were held in June, 1930, at the University of Michigan, Iowa State College, Columbia (at St. Stephens), Beloit, and Wellesley. Reading lists are also being sent out from college campuses to alumni, and special lists of reading are being offered along the lines of interest which the alumni indicate. Here is an impulse provided by the Alma Mater. But who will provide the books? Many alumni will buy; others will turn to the local public library in city or county. Where no library exists, the State lending agency may be turned to. Others may ask the library of

their Alma Mater to furnish the books for her children. Is she prepared to do this? Another implication presents itself here—a need which must be studied and considered, perhaps by the charging by the library of a nominal fee for which the desired books may be sent to the isolated alumnus.

Much rural education is dependent on books and library service. The solution in most States seems to be a service as wide as the county supplemented by loans from the central State lending agency and other cooperating sources, such as the State university and its extension division. Individuals, schools, granges, clubs, classes, and churches are seeking this service, and the need is great. Some of it is met by correspondence schools and university extension, but forty-two million people within the United States are without access to library service. Eleven hundred and thirty-five counties are without any book service. Only 263 counties out of 3065 have county libraries. A start only has been made. Campaigns of education and experimental demonstrations are needed. Funds are forthcoming when the interest has been aroused. For a start, traveling libraries may reach out, school libraries may assist, reading courses may suggest, and books may be loaned as needed, but without the necessary continuing service which can be given when a county library has been established.

Education through religious organizations is not new. The churches have always realized the value of study, and they are organized to promote it. A public library not only may supply the books for the pupils, replacing the old Sunday-school libraries, but it can cooperate in any program of religious education, furnishing outlines for study, references for discussions in groups and forums, and books to supplement class use. The churches are awake to the opportunity and are studying both the philosophy and the methods of the new religious education movement. The Y. M. C. A. and similar associations are building up sound programs of religious study.

Individuals and groups are being helped in their reading and study by the libraries of America. Reading lists are prepared. The Reading with a Purpose courses are used. Readers are advised as to their reading, and purposeful, sustained study is directed and encouraged.

Thus in these major projects of adult education—parent education, education by radio and screen, alumni education, rural education, and education through religious organizations—the library enters into the picture with definite implications.



## Librarian Authors

Mrs. LUCIA MERECKA BORSKI was born in Warsaw, Poland, in August, 1903. She received her early education in a Russian private school where she was forbidden to use the Polish language. During the war, after the Russians had evacuated Warsaw, she went to a Polish school and remained there until her departure from Warsaw. She says that the four years in the Polish school were her happiest schooldays. "The freedom to speak Polish without fear of being punished, to study freely the literature and history of Poland was in itself happiness. My parents owned a book store and a foreign newspaper station and so we were always surrounded by books, papers, and magazines. I had a large collection of fairy tales in Russian, and many other books in Polish and Russian, which I read over and over again. Whatever I read in Russian I translated immediately into Polish, and also the other way around, so that now I do not remember which books I read in Polish and which in Russian." These books included Alcott's *Little Women*, Dickens' *Oliver Twist*, DeFoe's *Robinson Crusoe*, Clemens' *Tom Sawyer*, and Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

In 1919 she came to the United States with the intention of studying, as she had always been told that education in the United States was absolutely free. Her disappointment and regret were limitless at finding this was not true. As she had to earn her own living she studied English and other subjects in the evenings at Columbia University. Also, at the Rand School for Social Research, she studied Child Psychology and took advanced courses in English Literature and History, all of which were to be of use in her future work. A short time later she began work as an assistant in the New York Public Library and was delighted with it, as



MRS. LUCIA MERECKA BORSKI

For a number of years Mrs. Borski has been interested in translating Polish folklore into English, thus widening our knowledge of this field of literature. Her two published works are *The Jolly Tailor and Other Fairy Tales* (Longmans, Green, 1928) and *The Queen of Heaven* (Dial Press, 1929), in both of which Kate B. Miller is the collaborator. Other translations of works of children's literature are in preparation. Her interest in children has manifested itself in her chosen field of work, which is library work with children, and in the type of stories she has used for translation. A deep love of Poland and all things Polish has given her the desire to spread Polish literature in so far as it is possible for her to do so. It is good news to find *The Jolly Tailor*, of which Eric P. Kelly, winner of the Newbery medal in 1929, said, "I've never come across anything which puts in English so perfectly and so charmingly the peculiar esprit that is Poland," recommended by the *Graded List of Books for Children*, published by the American Library Association in 1930, and already on State school library lists in Michigan, Wisconsin, and West Virginia.



"*The Jolly Tailor*," Which Has Been Placed on Several State School Library Lists, Is a Book of Polish Fairy Tales

she had always wished to do social educational work. She says that story-telling was a spur to acquaint the American children with Polish juvenile literature. She was married to Mr. Stephen Borski, a Polish artist, in 1924.

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## Editorial Forum

AGAIN the range of the library profession has been strikingly shown in the remarkable attendance at three simultaneous conferences in different parts of the country. The second great regional conference of the year, which was held at St. Paul, Oct. 14-17, brought together over seven hundred attendants, mostly from the six States included in the North Central regional group, but also from seven other States, including many from Illinois and a representative from California. A splendid, non-conflicting program was arranged; papers were short and to the point; meetings began on time and each day was broken up into several short periods, which made it possible to hear outstanding speakers and important discussions on various phases of library work. As the happy result of this success, it was decided to organize a North Central Association, to meet every two or three years, according to the decision of a committee composed of the newly elected presidents of the six States participating. A graceful act was the appropriation of the \$100 surplus above the conference expenses for the A. L. A. Endowment Fund. During the same week a bi-State meeting of the Ohio and Indiana associations brought together approximately eight hundred librarians to Dayton for a three-day conference. Here the method of using luncheon as the opportunity for round-table groups had the less fortunate result that many interested in several phases of public library work could cover only one of the many subjects. The fortieth anniversary program of the New York State association, combining with the adult education program of the sixty-sixth convocation of the University of the State of New York, at Albany, brought together as speakers five ex-presidents of the A. L. A., including Dr. Locke from Canada, as well as a gratifying and gratified attendance of hearers, and also achieved excellent success.

THE SCHEME for a library colony as an annex to the Lake Placid Club deserves very careful consideration by A. L. A. authorities before its possible adoption as a professional feature. The many librarians who have been guests at the remarkable resort, which the inventive and administrative genius of Melvil Dewey has developed in the Adirondacks, do not need to be reminded of the varied facilities and charms there to be found. But whether there should be a library vacation colony at all, and if so whether it should be located in connection with the Lake Placid Club, are both questions as to which much may be said on both sides. In view of the many meetings nowadays at which librarians come together for professional discussion and increase of acquaintanceship, it would doubtless be suggested that when a librarian takes a vacation he should seek other company than that of his fellow professionals, whose conversation will lead his mind into the ruts of the routine of daily work. On the other hand, there is a natural tendency for people of one mind to flock together, and the mountain air, superb scenery and opportunities for walking and driving could not be better anywhere else, though from some parts of the country the location involves considerable expenditure in railway fares, so that Lake Placid would be naturally a center for Northeastern librarians rather than for librarians in general. The Lake Placid Club with its manifold attractions is a not inexpensive luxury, and the actual limits of cost at the library vacation house would have to be carefully safeguarded. A rest cure of this sort, to which librarians could go in advance of threatened exhaustion from the routine of their work, would certainly be a great boon.



THERE IS PATHOS in the fact that the life of Henry C. Folger was cut short when, not many months later, he might have seen the great collection of Shakespeareana which he brought together housed in the new building which he had provided adjacent to the Library of Congress, properly arranged for exhibition and use and placed in charge of the man whom he would have selected as its custodian with the \$10,000,000 fund for maintenance and extension for which he had already provided in his will. It will be recalled that the trustees of Amherst College, headed by George A. Plimpton, were made by Mr. Folger, in loyalty to his Alma Mater, the trustees also of this fund and of the great collection. Mr. and Mrs. Folger had made close acquaintance with and greatly appreciated William A. Slade, the head of the Department of Bibliography of the Library of Congress, and had expressed the wish



that he might become its custodian. This wish has been gratified by the Amherst trustees, and it is double satisfaction that the wishes of the founder have been thus respected and that the Folger library, though not technically in relation with the Library of Congress, is to be headed by one who has made his reputation therein and will keep the Shakespeare collection in the best possible relation with the nation's library. The post called for an administrator as well as a scholar, and, happily, Mr. Slade's selection insures that the Folger library will have both in his person and that the collection, already unsurpassed by any in the mother country or elsewhere, will be kept worthy of the fitting and beautiful edifice in which it is enshrined, will be hospitable to every legitimate inquiry, and will, as Mr. Folger intended, be active in the promotion and diffusion of an understanding and appreciation of Shakespeare and his era.



THE GUTENBERG BIBLE is now safely housed in the nation's library, where, in a case specially designed for it, it will shortly be on exhibit in the main hallway on the level opposite the shrine which contains the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. As the three thousand items constituting Dr. Vollbehr's main collection had been delivered to the library within a fortnight after the adjournment of Congress in July, the receipt of the *Bible* completes the acquisition. That it has been effected so promptly and securely was largely due to the fortunate presence of the Librarian, Dr. Putnam, in Europe last summer and his decision to visit the Monastery, and attend the final negotiation between Dr. Vollbehr and the authorities there, and also to facilitate them by an advance of funds through the American Legation at Vienna; over \$300,000 being involved in the final payments, which included not merely the purchase price (\$250,000) and an export duty of \$25,000, but accumulated interest and other charges. The transaction involved numerous conferences at the Monastery itself at St. Paul and at the near-by city of Klagenfurt, and finally at Vienna, which were attended by him, by his colleague, Mr. Engel, by Dr. Vollbehr and his legal representative, by the Abbot and Deacon of the Monastery and their attorney, and in the latter stages by the American Minister at Vienna, who lent the entire resources of the Legation to the solution of technical details. The conclusion of all was that the three folio volumes delivered to the Minister were duly encased in a safe receptacle, sealed with the seal of the Legation and thus under the American flag, transmitted by special courier to the Embassy

in Paris, thence by another special courier to the deck of the "Leviathan" at Cherbourg, brought to New York in the personal custody of the Librarian, and thence to Washington by two officials of the library who had met him at the pier. Contrary to the rumor that momentarily subsisted, there was no objection to their export on the part of the Austrian government. Another rumor (in the European press), equally baseless, asserted that the Librarian had paid a million and a half for them! The basic price, as stated above, was \$250,000. It was not, however, paid by the library, but by Dr. Vollbehr; and as between the library and Dr. Vollbehr, the *Bible* was but one item of a collection for which, as a whole, the sum paid was a million and a half. Thus the best of the complete vellum copies of the famous *Bible*, as well as a great proportion of the other incunabula in the Vollbehr collection, makes the Library of Congress more nearly proximate in this field to the two other great national libraries, worthy of the Congress whose name it bears and of the nation which it represents. Special credit for the achievement should be given to Congressman Collins, to whose initiative and enthusiasm is due the practically unanimous vote in Congress.



IT IS CERTAINLY GRATIFYING to the professional pride of American librarians and architects that the two British commissions which have been visiting American libraries should be composed of foremost representatives of English scholarship. Sir Henry A. Miers, head of the Bodleian Library Commission, is well known in this country, to which he had already made five visits, for his eminence as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manchester and chairman of the recent Royal Commission on Libraries and Museums in Great Britain. The head of the Cambridge commission, Sir Giles Scott, is the grandson of the great architect whose work made an epoch in English architecture and is himself perhaps the foremost of British architects of today. Their colleagues are all men of eminence in learning and administration, not least among them Sir Frederic Kenyon, Principal Librarian of the British Museum, who has in so many ways commended himself to American librarians and of recent years taken prominent part in international library development. Both commissions were highly appreciative of what they saw and learned in their journeyings as far west as the Mississippi, as well as the hospitality with which they were received, and William Warner Bishop has added greatly to his already international service by his arrangements for these distinguished visitors.

## The Most Suitable Health Books for the Public Library

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"GIVE ME HEALTH AND A DAY," wrote Ralph Waldo Emerson, "and I will make the pomp of emperors ridiculous." The quest for health is of vital significance to all persons, and, fortunately, there is a growing popular interest in it. For the achievement of their health ideals, individuals need authentic information, which they can secure from no more legitimate source than books written by competent authorities who know how to present practical facts in an interesting manner. Out of the profusion of modern literature on the various phases of human health, there is offered herewith a selected list of only twenty-nine books, which may well form the nucleus of an effective health library for the intelligent adult lay reader. These are not, of course, all of the good books on health, but for many excellent reasons they seem to be the most suitable to adorn the shelves of the average public library.

The first test of a book on such an important topic as human health is its scientific accuracy. There is no room here for fads and follies, nor for individualistic medical notions and opinions. The second essential characteristic is readability, together with a practical and reasonable presentation of important facts in an attractive style. A book for serious reading need not be a dull book. It should, moreover, avoid technical language and be clear, concise, and cogent, but thorough, logical, and diverting. There is plenty of romance in this adventure called health, in this drama which is the game of life. The books listed and described comply with these specifications, and others. They are arranged under six divisions, with, of course, an overlapping between them. As an introduction to the general subject, five books have been included under the caption, "The Background of Health." Perusal of these particularly entertaining books will result not only in an absorbing fund of useful information, but also in an adequate conception of the science called public health.

Under "Personal Hygiene," a subject of immediate individual significance, are listed books which deal with various specific aspects of human health, rather than with the whole gamut of the alleged health habits. Nutrition, as the most important single phase of hygiene, is accorded a separate division. Books designed as

"Health Primers" are omitted entirely, because they are, in general, as unsatisfactory for the true seeker after authentic health information, as they are abundant.

Similarly, selections from the copious quantity of books on baby care are conspicuously absent from the list on "Maternal and Child Hygiene." As in the case of the health habits, such material may be readily obtained in numerous reliable pamphlets and booklets issued by official and voluntary health agencies and by reputable commercial organizations interested in public health.

Mental and social hygiene are subjects concerning which there is a plethora of misinformation. Since mental hygiene is a comparatively new science, a branch of human affairs in which lay guidance is eminently needed and desired, the best books on the subject should be available for consultation by all intelligent people. Finally, general public health, than which there is no more potent element in our social structure, is represented by several interesting books.

A more comprehensive list of reliable health books, one containing nearly a thousand titles, may be obtained from the Book Service of the American Public Health Association, New York, while assistance in the preparation of bibliographies of books on all aspects of public health may be secured from the National Health Library, 370 Seventh Avenue, New York. Reading lists on mental hygiene, on the human body and its care, and on certain aspects of childhood, are likewise obtainable from the American Library Association.

The following list is not, of course, infallible.

### THE BACKGROUND OF HEALTH

MODERN SCIENCE AND PEOPLE'S HEALTH. Edited by B. C. Gruenberg, Ph.D. *Norton.* 1926. \$2.50.

Always a fascinating and captivating subject, the story of health gains glamour from the skill of its narration. In this book, seven exceptional essays on various phases of health are contributed by as many well-qualified writers.

In each list the books are given alphabetically by authors.

DEVILS, DRUGS AND DOCTORS. H. W. Haggard, M.D. *Harper*. 1927. \$5.00.

A glorious story of the development of modern medical science from the magic, superstition, and alchemy of old; and what it means to you and me, and the rest of us in our present civilization.

THE BIOLOGICAL BASIS OF HUMAN NATURE. H. S. Jennings, Ph.D. *Norton*. 1930. \$4.00.

An authoritative treatment of the vital subject of genetics. An extremely valuable and highly interesting volume.

RIDERS OF THE PLAGUES. James A. Tobey, Dr. P.H. *Scribner*. 1930. \$3.50.

"A revelation of the little known activities of the scientists to whom we owe the most commonplace rules of community health and disease prevention. . . . a work historical, scientific, almost original in scope, that illumines a subject most of us take for granted, and treats it as drama of absorbing interest."—Raleigh (N. C.) *News and Observer*.

MEDICINE. ITS CONTRIBUTION TO CIVILIZATION. E. B. Vedder, M.D. *Williams & Wilkins*. 1929. \$5.00.

Ranges through the gamut of health and disease, telling in an adequate manner about the problems of modern medical science and how they are being met to the advantage of the general populace.

### PERSONAL HYGIENE

LAYMAN'S HANDBOOK OF MEDICINE. R. C. Cabot, M.D. *Houghton Mifflin*. 1927. \$1.50.

An excellent compendium of all that the intelligent lay person needs to know about the important diseases and their treatment. Compiled originally, and in part from lectures delivered by the author to social workers.

YOURSELF, INC. THE STORY OF THE HUMAN BODY. Adolph Elwyn, M.D. *Brentano*. 1930. \$3.50.

Human physiology described in popular terms. Everyone should be familiar with the workings of the human machine, and this is the type of book which tells about a complicated subject in a simple and readable manner. It is imaginative but scientific.

AN HOUR ON HEALTH. Morris Fishbein, M.D. *Lippincott*. 1929. \$1.00.

Health fads and fakirs are exposed in this brief volume, which also includes a discussion of longevity and other timely subjects relating to health.

THE HUMAN BODY. Logan Clendening, M.D. *Knopf*. 1927. \$5.00.

Told in a vigorous style, with plenty of human interest protruding, personal hygiene is presented in an attractive manner. Some of it is the unsupported opinion of the author, but most of it is authentic and all of it is interesting.

SLEEP. D. A. Laird, Ph.D., and C. G. Muller. *John Day*. 1930. \$2.50.

There is more than sleep in this book, for it narrates much of value about personal hygiene as it is affected by noise, rest, fatigue and nervous stress. Easy to read, its precepts are sound and not difficult to follow.

THE MATERIALS OF LIFE. T. R. Parsons. *Norton*. 1930. \$3.00.

Bio-chemistry's contribution to the knowledge of health. A readily understandable account of the materials of which living things are made, and the complex changes these materials undergo during life.

### NUTRITION

THE MOST NEARLY PERFECT FOOD. S. J. Crumbine, M.D., and James A. Tobey, Dr. P.H. *Williams & Wilkins*. 1929. \$2.50.

Tells in a popular way the whole story of milk, its history and place in human nutrition, its sanitation and distribution, its culinary uses, and its valuable products.

NUTRITION. W. H. Eddy, Ph.D. *Williams & Wilkins*. 1928. \$2.50.

A concise statement of the modern principles of the science of nutrition, written by an authority on dietetics who knows how to write and who has himself made many notable contributions to the art of sensible eating.

YOUR WEIGHT AND HOW TO CONTROL IT. Edited by Morris Fishbein, M.D. *Double-day, Doran*. 1927. \$5.00.

A problem of significance to a vast multitude, ably presented by a group of leading authorities under competent editorial direction. Perusal of this interesting book will save time, trouble, and expense to those in quest of normal weight.

FEEDING THE FAMILY. Mary S. Rose, Ph.D. *Macmillan*. 1930. \$3.75.

Of the many books written on nutrition, this is unquestionably the best. It is thorough and absolutely reliable, it is practical and helpful to the whole family, it is entertaining and easy to read, it is up to date.

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HYGIENE

THE INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD. J. L. Morse, M.D., E. T. Wyman, M.D., and L. W. Hill, M.D. *Saunders*. 1929. \$2.00.

Care and feeding of children from birth until school age, put into a manual for mothers by three pediatricians.

THE CHILD'S HEREDITY. Paul Popenoe, D.Sc. *Williams & Wilkins*. 1929. \$2.00.

The influence of heredity in human development is reliably set forth in a very readable style.

EVERYDAY PROBLEMS OF THE EVERYDAY CHILD. D. Thom, M.D. *Appleton*. 1928. \$2.50.

This is still about the best book on child management, enabling the parent to understand and develop the mental life of the child in relation to his physical and social welfare.

GETTING READY TO BE A MOTHER. Carolyn C. Van Blarcom, R.N. *Macmillan*. 1929. \$1.75.

The best manual of prenatal hygiene, written for educated women. Anatomy of the reproductive system and embryology are included.

ADOLESCENCE. F. E. Williams, M.D. *Farrar & Rinehart*. 1930. \$2.50.

The difficulties of this extremely important period in human life and how they are surmounted, told by a leading psychiatrist with a flair for cogent expression.

## MENTAL AND SOCIAL HYGIENE

A MIND THAT FOUND ITSELF. C. W. Beers. *Doubleday, Doran*. 1929. \$2.00.

The autobiography of the man who founded the mental hygiene movement. "It reads like fiction, but it is not fiction," William James said of it.

WHY MEN FAIL. Edited by Morris Fishbein, M.D., and W. A. White, M.D. *Century*. 1928. \$2.00.

A compilation of the teaching of the leading psychiatrists and psychologists of the country on such diverse subjects as parental responsibility, vocational problems, sex relationships, mental habits, emotional status as they affect success or failure in life. The outgrowth of an important conference.

THE HUMAN MIND. Karl Menninger, M.D. *Knopf*. 1930. \$5.00.

The most readable book about the human personality. It deals with modern conceptions of mental health, types of personalities, pathologic states, motives, and mental treatment, all in an objective and readily comprehensible manner.

ABOUT OURSELVES. H. A. Overstreet, Ph.D. *Norton*. 1927. \$3.00.

This absorbing introduction to the science of human behavior prepares the way for a consideration of many mental hygiene problems and stimulates the reader to go deeper into the study of psychology.

CONSERVATION OF THE FAMILY. Paul Popenoe, D.Sc. *Williams & Wilkins*. 1926. \$3.00.

A wealth of useful information about subjects which constantly enter into family life. Solutions are indicated for the problems which, unsolved, may cause unfavorable complications, and even destruction, of the family.

## GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH

AMERICAN MEDICINE AND PEOPLE'S HEALTH. H. H. Moore, Ph.D. *Appleton*. 1927. \$5.00.

The structure which society has reared to cope with the ever-present problems of poor health and disease. Information which every intelligent person needs in order to secure the proper perspective of the modern movement concerned with our public health.

WHO'S WHO AMONG THE MICROBES. W. H. Park, M.D., and A. W. Williams, M.D. *Century*. 1929. \$3.00.

The fundamental laws of hygiene are considered in non-technical language by the authors of one of the standard texts on public health. This volume is the outgrowth of a series of radio talks.

THE CONQUEST OF DISEASE. T. B. Rice, M.D. *Macmillan*. 1927. \$3.25.

Sanitary science in its many modes and ramifications, with much information of personal and individual significance. Written directly, but pungently.

THE ROAD TO HEALTH. C.-E. A. Winslow, Dr. P.H. *Macmillan*. 1929. \$2.00.

How man may vanquish the microbe and by his accomplishments in this respect may learn the game of life. Three inspiring lectures by a leading practitioner of public health.



## Book Reviews

### Dr. Cole's Survey of the Bibliography of English Literature

NOT OFTEN does a member of a bibliographical society contribute to its papers an essay suitable for use in educational work as a text book or material for supplemental reading. Yet such is the character of a paper contributed by George Watson Cole, L.H.D., to the Bibliographical Society of America and lately reprinted for the author in an edition of 150 copies from its *Papers* (vol. xxiii, part 2). The title of Doctor Cole's essay is, "A Survey of the Bibliography of English Literature, 1475-1640, With Especial Reference to the Work of the Bibliographical Society of London." The work consists of five parts: introduction dealing with bibliographic movements to cover the field named; a chapter on "What Should Be Found in Bibliographies"; the Survey, consisting of a chronological account of the writers in the period mentioned from John Boston of Bury, an Augustinian monk of Bury St. Edmunds, who flourished in 1410, down to William Augustus White, who died in 1927. These are followed by titles of the books covered and sample entries.

The student of bibliography at library school gets to know the standard books of reference in his subject. For English literature he learns what works cover the successive periods and where to look for descriptions of rare books and choice editions. But Watt, Lowndes, Allibone and Hazlitt are doubtless for the student, what they remain for most of us, books that stand on certain shelves of the catalog department. Who were these men? what kind of men were they? why did they go to all the labor that must have preceded the preparation of their voluminous works? Doctor Cole, in his narrative tells us something about these points, and as he writes in choice and graceful English, the student who will be "assigned" Cole's Survey will discover that he has found a very interesting book as well as a tool that will be useful to him many times in his later experience. He will want a copy bound and standing on his desk. Under each author—and they deserve the name of "worthies" with a few exceptions—the pertinent facts of his life are briefly mentioned, his special qualifications for his chosen work are sketched, the character of his book in its scope and in its distinctive features is pointed out. These were men who devoted their lives to certain ideals; they set out to do something worth while, that they

hoped would endure; and their works have endured in a way that ours of the present day will probably not do.

Teachers in our library schools will do well to consider Doctor Cole's book when preparing lists of prescribed reading, especially for students who expect to enter reference or university libraries.

WILLIAM STETSON MERRILL.

**SOCIAL SCIENCE ABSTRACTS.** Published thirteen times a year by Social Science Abstracts, Inc., 611 Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University, N. Y. \$6 per vol.

**SOCIAL SCIENCE ABSTRACTS** is now in its second year. It grew out of the need of social scientists and librarians to have a more adequate survey of the world's periodical literature in the social sciences. Years of preparation preceded the launching of the journal by the Social Science Research Council. With the active cooperation of about 1500 scholars throughout the world, a survey is made of the vast literature in the various field of social science from about fifty countries in thirty-five languages. Abstracts are in English, averaging about 150 words per abstract. More than bibliography is attempted, for the materials handled are summarized. For 1929 about 3000 journals were regularly examined and 11,093 abstracts were published. For the second year the journal list has been extended to well over 4000 and the abstracts printed will amount to some 17,000. The Index goes beyond every other. The fields covered (History, Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Statistics, Anthropology, and Geography) have never before been brought together into one index. The journal list and the number of languages far exceeds that of other journals. It does not attempt to supplant the existing bibliographical journals; it supplements them. Aside from the much larger number of journals and languages covered, its chief difference lies in the fact (1) that it summarizes the articles dealt with, and (2) that it operates selectively. Not all articles, even in the best journals, are included. The article must belong to social science and it must be a contribution to knowledge or a significant restatement to receive attention. The problem faced by the editors in indexing was of the pioneering kind. Indexes have been made of all the special branches of social science individually, but a combined index of the seven outstanding disciplines has never been

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## List of New Books

### *As An Aid To Book Selection In Hospital Libraries*

Compiled by The Library Section, Medical Service, U. S. Veterans' Bureau  
August, 1930

Akeley, D. J. *Jungle Portraits*. Macmillan. \$3.50.

Mrs. Akeley accompanied Carl Akeley on his elephant collecting trip in Africa, and records her experiences and observations in a book more fascinating than fiction. She later made an expedition of her own into the Congo and lived for some time among the Pygmies.

Boyd, James. *Long Hunt*. Scribner. \$2.50.

The adventurous life of a trapper in the early 1800's, when the Mississippi marked the western frontier. The hero of the story preferred the half-savage life of the wilderness to the love of a girl and the loss of his freedom.

Bullard, Arthur. *Volcano*. Macmillan. \$2.

An American without funds accepting a job as manager of an orange plantation in the West Indies, finds the business is suspected of being a blind for aiding desperadoes in search of treasure buried by the former dictator. Exciting jungle adventures.

Buranelli, Prosper, and Borden, R. D. *Maggie of the Suicide Fleet*. Doubleday, Doran. \$2.50.

A war story that will bring smiles to the faces of all who served in the navy or went across. The mishaps, miraculous escapes and innumerable breakdowns that befell the "Margaret," erstwhile pleasure yacht assigned to duty with the submarine patrol fleet, are humorously retold from Lieutenant Borden's diary and illustrated by Herb Roth, the cartoonist, who was one of the crew.

Chambers, R. W. *Painted Minx*. Appleton. \$2.50.

Centering around the old John Street Theatre in New York City, this romance of Revolutionary days revivifies Major André, Sir William Howe, General Washington, Mad Anthony Wayne, and other celebrities of the period.

Child, R. W. *Pitcher of Romance*. Sears. \$2.

Short stories excellently told, with a love interest in the background but subordinate to the plot. A well-balanced collection.

Dahlberg, Mary. *Dagger*. Duffield. \$2.

Ranch life was too tame for Dagger, so she took up flying and married an aviator. After his death she toured the world, but failed to find happiness until she returned to the ranch. Light fiction of the sentimental variety.

De La Rue, Sidney. *Land of the Pepper Bird: Liberia*. Putnam. \$3.50.

An informal description of the black republic, with emphasis on climate, products, trade, history, progress, local customs, and native characteristics. The author was formerly financial advisor to Liberia.

Deepling, Warwick. *Exile*. Knopf. \$2.50.

In spite of the pathetic side of this picture of the English residents in a small Italian town, more

or less permanently exiled because of ill-health or dubious pasts, the book should prove inspirational to those who feel they have fallen behind in the race.

Dilnot, Frank. *Lady Jean*. Holt. \$2.50.

An exciting romance of seventeenth century England, in which an attempt is made to abduct the ward of the Duke of Buckingham, with whom the Prince is infatuated, in order to make an alliance for reasons of state between the Prince and a French princess.

Emery, S. M. *Romance by Request*. Macrae Smith. \$2.

By the terms of a will, a young man inherits a large summer hotel on condition that three matches are made there during the season. Complications, harmless fun and foolishness follow. Will appeal to those who enjoy light, humorous fiction.

Field, Rachel. *Points East*. Brewer & Warren. \$2.

Unusual poems narrating curious legends of the Maine coast.

Finger, C. J. *Seven Horizons*. Doubleday, Doran. \$5.

An amazing number of experiences have been crowded into this one man's life. The author writes forcefully, entertainingly and withal simply, showing how chance led him into strange corners of the globe. An unusual personality is revealed, a man of rare spirit and keen discernment.

Franck, H. A. *Scandinavian Summer*. Century. \$4.

Casual impressions of a tour embracing Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway, and Iceland. The contrast in their respective national traits is clearly shown. The text also gives considerable information as to choice of routes and modes of travel. Average size and weight. Numerous illustrations.

Gibbs, A. H. *Chances*. Little. \$2.50.

A dramatic story of two brothers, unlike in disposition but inseparable from boyhood and throughout the war. Their love for the same girl strained the bond of brotherhood, but could not break it.

Gillis, W. R. *Gold Rush Days with Mark Twain*. Boni. \$4.

According to the author, Mark Twain failed to see the fun in a joke on himself. Although very little space is devoted to the humorist, the book will be enjoyed for its presentation of the rough-and-ready life that prevailed on the coast following the discovery of gold in California.

Glassman, Don. *Jump!* Simon & Schuster. \$3.

History of the Caterpillar Club with accounts from interviews, newspapers or official reports, of the circumstances compelling famous jumps. The development of the parachute and the lives it has saved are thrilling chapters in the story of aviation.

Green, Anne. *Selbys*. Dutton. \$2.50.

An excellent idea of French customs is afforded by this story of an American couple, long resident in Paris, who introduce their niece to the society composed of exclusive old French families.

Grey, Zane. *Shepherd of Guadeloupe*. Harper. \$2.

Clifton Forrest, disabled veteran, returned to his home in New Mexico expecting to die, but, spurred by adversity and injustice, he puts up a good fight and eventually regains his health and wins the girl he loves. Will be popular.

Haworth, P. L. *Caverns of Sunset*. Bobbs. \$2.

Hazardous adventures and encounters with hostile Indians were the lot of the daughter of an earl who, disguised as a boy, secretly embarked on a search for her brother in western Canada.

Hayward, W. B. *Last Continent of Adventure*. Bobbs. \$3.

Subtitle: "A narrative of gallant men and bold exploits in Antarctica." With the interest aroused by the recent Byrd expedition, this volume, containing accounts of former expeditions, will find many readers. Convenient size, good print, and many illustrations recommend the book for summer reading.

Herold, Don. *Strange Bedfellows; My Crazy-Quilt Memoirs, Life-Maxims and What-Not*. Farrar. \$3.

Clever nonsense, illustrated with humorous cartoons in black-and-white, recommended for an idle moment and most enjoyable if read in snatches.

Hull, H. R. *Asking Price*. Coward-McCann. \$2.50.

Portrays the conflict between a college professor's natural poetic tendencies, curbed by his wife's hard, materialistic nature and his duty to provide for his children in a manner considered suitable by his wife.

Hurrell, F. G. *Lantern Show of Paris*. Cape. \$3.

Ex-service men will recall "leaves" spent in Paris as they thumb the pages of this charming book of sketches, many but a paragraph in length and enhanced by illustrations of typical Parisian scenes. Small size, light weight.

Irvine, A. F. *Fighting Parson*. Little. \$3.

Irish to the core, this autobiography breathes the personality of the boy and man whose unflinching sense of humor and love of God and man has made his life a glorious adventure. The story of his work as a "morale-raiser" at the front during the war will add to the interest of the book for veterans.

Irwin, W. A. *Days of Her Life*. Houghton. \$2.50.

A romantic novel of San Francisco in the nineties. The heroine marries to escape poverty, only to discover that her husband is a bigamist. Finding employment in an antique shop she later marries the invalid owner and finds happiness resulting from adherence to honor and duty.

Kelly, E. M. *Spanish Holiday*. Harper. \$2.50.

Short stories with a Basque background, told with delicate humor and showing the author's familiarity with the foibles and racial characteristics of these sturdy people.

Lea, F. H. *Happy Landings*. Dodd, Mead. \$2.

An actress who makes a hit in Hollywood, an ace who had lost his nerve after a crash, a director who uses hearts as pawns to produce a super-film, and the familiar jargon of the studios, are combined into a readable love story of the film world.

Lighty, Kent and Margaret. *Shanty-Boat*. Century. \$3.50.

Once again the Mississippi figures as the river of romance and adventure. In the "Ark" the authors start from Minneapolis and loaf down the river, reaching New Orleans at carnival time. The main interest lies in the human contacts afloat and ashore.

Lincoln, Natalie. *Marked Cancelled*. Appleton. \$2.

"When a wealthy and unprincipled resident of Washington, D. C., was found murdered, clues led in many directions—the marriage license marked "Cancelled" clutched in his hand the most tangible one. Not an outstanding mystery story, but it has no objectionable features.

Locke, W. J. *Town of Tombarel*. Dodd, Mead. \$2.50.

Nine short stories, all concerning the quaint little French town of Creille. The episodes are related by the lovable old mayor and give us Locke at his best.

MacGrath, Harold. *Green Complex*. Doubleday, Doran. \$2.

A. E. F., A. W. O. L., M. P., Paris, a pretty girl, an emerald necklace, and last but by no means least the police on the track, merely hint the thrills in store for the reader while following the dilemmas into which two soldiers are plunged. The plot revolves around efforts to obtain a green necklace and then to dispose of the stolen emeralds.

Maugham, W. S. *Gentleman in the Parlour*. Doubleday, Doran. \$3.

Subtitle: "A record of a journey from Rangoon to Haiphong." In phrases that gladden the ear and linger in the memory, an intimate picture is presented of the villages, towns, rivers, and the natives. Will appeal especially to travelers and those with cultural background.

Merriam, J. C. *Living Past*. Scribner. \$2.

By means of a buried leaf, footprints imbedded in rock, bones in an asphalt pool, and other evidence brought to light, the dim past becomes part of the living present. The tremendous geological changes are explained in simple language. Considerable space devoted to the Grand Canyon. In subject, style, and format, an excellent book for hospital libraries.

Oppenheim, E. P. *What Happened to Forester*. Little. \$2.

Pleasant tales of the Riviera and other resorts of the idle rich, told in the first person by the genial Major Forester. Sophisticated and diverting short stories.

Risley, Eleanor. *Road to Wildcat*. Little. \$2.50.

Up hill and down dale, through the Alabama mountains, walked Peter and Eleanor Risley, pushing a covered wheelbarrow and accompanied by their dog. The hill-folk, with their independent spirit, religious zeal, and love of music and singing, are revealed in the delightful dialogue and dialect in which the book abounds.

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## The November Forecast

A check list of books of general interest whose publication dates fall during the coming month

(Exact date of issue, when known, is given directly after publisher's name)

### Biography, History and Travel

Baker, G. P. *Constantine the Great*. Dodd Mead. \$3.50.

Bartholdt, Hon. Richard. *From Steerage to Congress*. Dorrance. \$4.

Autobiography of a poor immigrant lad, a printer, editor, and member of Congress.

Barton, R. F. *The Half-Way Sun*. Brewer and Warren (17). \$5.

Life among the Headhunters of the Philippines.

Bowen, Frank C. *A Century of Atlantic Travel, 1830-1930*. Little, Brown (7). \$4.

A chapter is devoted to each decade of the last one hundred years.

Britton, James. *John Singleton Copley: A Modern Old Master*. Dodd Mead. \$3.

Brilliant sketch of the greatest American painter.

Crawford, Mary Caroline. *Famous Families of Massachusetts*. Little, Brown (7). \$10.

The beginnings, development and achievements of some three score outstanding Bay State families.

Gretton, R. H. *A Modern History of the English People (1880-1922)*. Dial Press (10). \$5.

Herriot, Édouard. *The United States of Europe*. Viking (2). \$3.50.

A keen study of the greatest issue facing the international world today.

Kootz, Samuel M. *Modern American Painters*. Brewer and Warren (3). \$5.

A study of eighteen American painters, all of whom are alive today, with a short biographical sketch of each.

Mann, Klaus. *Alexander*. Brewer and Warren (10). \$2.

A novelized biography of the great Macedonian general.

Morand, Paul. *New York* (Tr. by Hamish Miles). Holt (7). \$2.50.

Fourteen full-page drawings of New York scenes have been especially done for the book by Joaquín Vaquero, the Spanish artist and architect.

Spivak, John L. *The Devil's Brigade*. Brewer and Warren (3). \$3.50.

The story of the Hatfield-McCoy feud.

Vaughlain, Samuel M. and May, Earl C. *Steaming Up!* Brewer and Warren (10). \$5.

The years following the Civil War.

Vulliamy, C. E. *Voltaire*. Dodd Mead. \$3.50.

Ward, Christopher. *The Dutch and Swedes on the Delaware*. Univ. of Penn. (21). \$5.

### Belles-Lettres

*A Guide to Historical Literature*. Macmillan. \$8.

Compiled by the committee on bibliography of the American Historical Association.

Besier, Rudolf. *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*. Little, Brown (21). \$2.

Now being played in London.

Chambers, Sir Edmund. *Shakespeare: Fact and Problems*. 2v. Oxford Univ. Press. \$15.

Chapman, John Jay. *The Antigone of Sophocles*. Houghton Mifflin. \$10.

Poetry.

Dickinson, Emily. *Poems*. Little, Brown (21). \$4.

Hugo, Victor. *Ruy Blas*. (Tr. by Brian Hooker). Holt (7). \$2.

Play.

Mantle, Burns, ed. *The Best Plays of 1929-1930*. Dodd Mead. \$3.

Includes the ten most representative plays of the year.

Noyes, Alfred. *The Last Voyage*. Stokes. \$2.50.

Poetry.

Schauffler, Robert Haven. *A Manthology*. Dodd Mead. \$2.50.

An anthology of man's poetry.

Snyder, Edward. *Hypnotic Poetry*. Univ. Penn. Press. \$2.

"Spell-weaving poems" as opposed to the intellectualist variety of verse.

Weygandt, Cornelius. *The Wissahickon Hills*. Univ. Penn. Press. \$4.

Thirteen informal out-of-door essays interspersed with shorter sketches of incidental interest.

### Miscellaneous Non-Fiction

Candee, Helen Churchill. *Ornamentation and Textile Design*. Stokes. \$5.

Chappell, George S. *Through the Alimentary Canal with Gun and Camera*. Stokes. \$2.

Cunningham, F. F. *Geography Laboratory Manual*. Wiley.

Hamlin, Scoville. *Menace of Overproduction*. Wiley.

Heiler, Friedruch (Samuel McComb, trans.). *Prayer (Das Gebet)*. Oxford Univ. Press. \$6.

Hopkins, Ernest Martin. *Education and Life*. Houghton Mifflin. \$1.50.  
The functions of education.

Hutchinson, A. S. M. *The Book of Simon*. Little, Brown (21). \$2.  
Impressions of the author's small son from infancy to three years old.

Jeans, Sir James. *The Mysterious Universe*. Macmillan. \$2.

Krows, Arthur Edwin. *The Talkies*. Holt (7). \$2.  
The latest development in the motion picture industry.

Lloyd, T. C. *Electrical Equipment*. Wiley.

Malti, M. G. *Electric Circuit Analysis*. Wiley.

Milton, George Fort. *The Age of Hate*. Coward McCann. \$5.

Mitchell, Edwin Valentine. *Concerning Beards*. Dodd Mead. \$1.50.  
For the first time, perhaps, the beard has been accorded its true place in the history of nations.

Page, Victor W. *Aviation Engine Examiner*. Henley (5). \$3.

Phillips, John C. and Hill, Lewis Webb, eds. *Classics of the American Shooting Field*. Houghton Mifflin. \$7.50.

Pollard, Hugh B. C. *The Gun Room Guide*. Houghton Mifflin. \$25.

Poppe, Thomas W. *House Wiring*. Henley (3). \$1.

Ramsey, L. W., and Lawrence, Charles H. *Garden Pools*. Macmillan. \$2.  
How to use water attractively in the home grounds.

Richter, G. M. A. *Animals in Greek Sculpture*. Oxford Univ. Press. \$12.

Rockwell, F. F. *Roses*. Macmillan. \$1.  
Written by an amateur for amateurs.

Woodworth, J. V. *Punches, Dies, and Tools for Manufacturing in Presses*. Henley (5). \$5.

Youth, H. A. *Affirmations of Christian Belief*. Macmillan (7).

### Fiction

Dekobra, Maurice. *The Sphinx Has Spoken*. Brewer and Warren (24). \$2.

Afghanistan and two officers in the Anglo-Indian Army.

Farnol, Jeffery. *Over the Hills*. Little, Brown (7). \$2.50.  
Set in the stirring period of the Jacobite uprising.

Glenn, Isa. *A Short History of Julia*. Knopf (7). \$2.50.  
The problems of a Southern girl.

Huna, Ludwig. *The Star of the Orsini*. Brewer and Warren (3). \$2.  
The second novel in the Borgias trilogy, but like the first novel, *The Bulls of Rome*, is complete in itself.

O'Brien, Edward J., ed. *The Best British Short Stories of 1930*. Dodd Mead. \$2.50.

O'Brien, Edward J., ed. *The Best Short Stories of 1930*. Dodd Mead. \$2.50.

Onions, Oliver. *The Open Secret*. Houghton Mifflin. \$2.50.

Oppenheim, E. Phillips. *Slane's Long Shots*. Little, Brown (21). \$2.

Wade, Henry. *Dying Alderman*. Brewer and Warren (17). \$2.  
Murder story.

Zweig, Arnold. *Claudia*. Viking (2). \$2.50.

### Juvenile

Daniel, Hawthorne. *The Shadow of the Sword*. Ill. by Emile Verpilleux. Macmillan. \$2.50.  
How a young fisher boy saved the island of Mont-Saint-Michel from the English.

Drinkwater, John. Illus. by H. M. Brock. *More About Me*. Houghton Mifflin. \$2.  
Verse for small children. A continuation of *All About Me*.

Harrington, Mildred P. *Ring-A-Round*. Ill. by Corydon Bell. Macmillan. \$3.  
A collection of verse for boys and girls.

Seiler, Gwendolen. *The Princess and the Swineherd*. Macmillan. \$2.  
A fairy theme adapted for stage presentation.

Warren, Dale. *A Modern Galaxy*. Houghton Mifflin. \$3.  
Collection of short stories.



## In The Library World

### New Rural Service Truck

THE RURAL SERVICE TRUCK which is now being operated by the Library Association of Portland is the second automobile which the library has put into service for its rural patrons. It is run for nine months of the year, from September to June, and serves residents of Multnomah County outside of Portland.

The first truck, purchased in April, 1924, and put into operation the following month, was so successful that it soon became an established part of the library's service. When it wore out in its line of duty, a new truck was purchased this fall, and has been serving rural residents for the past month. The new machine is a G. M. C. truck, with a body especially built along the lines of the first truck, which had proved satisfactory. The big change was putting the door at the back instead of on the side. The truck covers eight routes every two weeks and travels 364 miles.

It serves over 500 families, making house-to-house stops. The average circulation is about 200 books a day, the largest day being 368, which was so heavy that it necessitated a change in the schedule. The truck is driven by Miss Norma Lee Peck, who is assisted by a boy page.

### A List of S. L. A. Members

THE SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION has recently issued a List of Members. This has been corrected to May 1, 1930, and includes not only the Institutional, Active and Associate members, but the names of subscribers to the magazine *Special Libraries*. It also contains the new members of the Executive Board for 1930-31 and the officers of the local Groups and the local Associations and Chapters. A list of past officers since the formation of the Association is also appended to the publication. The price of the publication is one dollar.

### The Library Colony

AT THE ATLANTIC CITY MEETING of the American Library Institute there was discussion of a letter from Melvil Dewey, founder of the Lake Placid Club and one of the founders of the American Library Association, during which was brought out the need for a plan such as he suggested in a "Library Colony" at Lake Placid for librarians who wish to vacation there. The advantages as contained in the latter were: Possibility of a vacation at Lake Placid Club at any season of the year; All

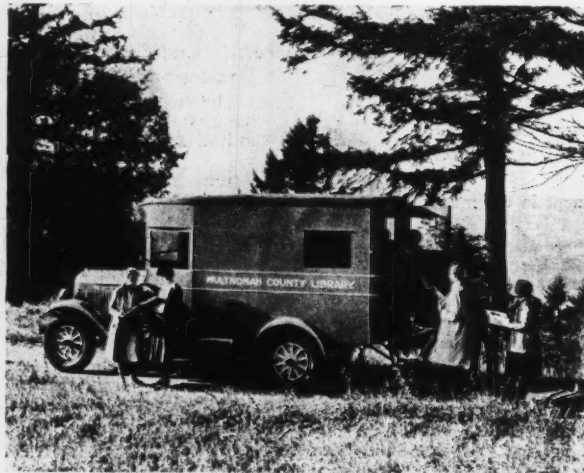
privileges of the Club; A club house given over entirely to librarians; Reduced rates under the Lake Placid Foundation; Opportunity to build individual group bungalows; and Free camping space on the property.

The Committee on the Library Colony, with Messrs. Brigham, Hill and Rush present, convened at Lake Placid on October 11 to inspect the various locations offered

in the Lake Placid Club area. During several conferences a tentative agreement was reached. The committee feels that the wisest plan is to move cautiously in the matter and to adopt the terms of the agreement with the understanding that if a sufficient response is received from the librarians of the country, a more extensive scheme will be inaugurated. It is the intention of the Lake Placid Club, as stated in the agreement, to extend the privileges as there is demand and the space is available. In other words, if there is sufficient response, plans will be made for the use of the club premises during the height of the season in the coming year 1931.

### The Visit of the British Commissions

TWO BRITISH LIBRARY COMMISSIONS, the Cambridge University Commission and the



*Library Association of Portland, Ore., Rural Service Truck Operating in Multnomah County*



Bodleian Library Commission, were recently brought to the United States by the Rockefeller Foundation to study libraries. Both universities are planning new libraries, the money for which has been in a large part given by the Rockefeller Foundation, and the tour was planned by Dr. Bishop, librarian of the University of Michigan. Landing in Montreal on Sept. 12, the party, after visiting McGill University, spent a few days in New York before going on to Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington. From Washington they went to Pittsburgh and from there to Cleveland. They then went to Chicago for three days and to the Universities of Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan. From Ann Arbor they were driven to Detroit and then on to the University of Rochester, Toronto, Harvard, Yale, and again to New York with a side trip to Princeton. They sailed on Oct. 24. The Bodleian Commission was headed by Sir Henry A. Miers, who recently headed a Royal Commission on Libraries and Museums in Great Britain, and Sir Giles Scott, who headed the Cambridge University Commission, is the most distinguished British architect of the present day. They sailed for England, Oct. 24, on the "Caronia." Coincident with the visit from the two British commissions came the visit of the librarian of the University of Oslo and the architect of its new library building.

## Reduced Fare for Mid-Winter Meeting

A REDUCTION of one and one-half fare on the "Certificate Plan" will apply for members and dependent members of their families attending the meeting of the American Library Association, to be held at the Drake Hotel, Chicago, Ill., Dec. 29-31, if not less than 150 persons obtain regularly issued certificates from ticket agents at starting points, each showing payment of regular one-way adult tariff fare of 67c. or more on going journey, and if these certificates are properly validated in Chicago. Arrangements will apply on the majority of railroads in the United States, though not on all. Members who expect to obtain certificates are requested to note the following directions:

1. Tickets at the regular one-way tariff fare for the going journey may be obtained Dec. 25-31, inclusive, on most railroads. Dates of sale are a few days earlier in some far western territories. Be sure that, when purchasing your going ticket, you request a certificate. You will not be able to secure one in Chicago. Do not make the mistake of asking for a "RECEIPT."

2. Present yourself at the railroad station for ticket and certificate at least thirty minutes before departure of train on which you will begin your journey.

3. CERTIFICATES ARE NOT KEPT AT ALL STATIONS. If you inquire at your home station, you can ascertain

whether certificates and through tickets can be obtained to place of meeting. If not obtainable at your home station, the agent will inform you at which station they can be obtained. You can in such case, purchase a local ticket to the station which has certificates in stock, and from there you can buy a through ticket to place of meeting and at the same time ask for and obtain a "Certificate Plan" certificate.

4. Immediately on your arrival at the meeting, present your certificate to the indorsing officer, Cora M. Beatty, A. L. A. Membership Department, as the reduced fare for the return journey will not apply unless the certificate is properly indorsed by her and validated by a railroad Special Agent as provided for by the certificate.

5. Arrangements have been made for validation of certificates by a Special Agent of the carriers on Dec. 29-31, inclusive, provided the required minimum of 150 certificates is presented.

6. NO REFUND OF FARE WILL BE MADE BECAUSE OF FAILURE TO OBTAIN A PROPER CERTIFICATE WHEN PURCHASING GOING TICKET.

7. If the necessary minimum of 150 certificates is presented at the meeting and your certificate is duly validated by the Special Agent, you will be entitled, up to and including Jan. 3, 1931, to purchase a return ticket via the same route over which you made the going journey, at one-half of the regular one-way tariff fare from the place of meeting to the point at which your certificate was issued.

8. Return tickets issued at the reduced fare will not be good on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad trains 15, 16, 17, 18, 23 and 24.

## Bronx Asks \$20,000,000 for Library

PLANS FOR the incorporation of the Bronx County Free Library Association and for a library program involving a request for a \$20,000,000 appropriation by the City of New York were announced October 13. The Board of Estimate will also be requested to appropriate \$25,000 for the establishment of a library training school. It is stated that officials of the New York Public Library have estimated the Bronx as requiring fourteen additional branch libraries and one central library. The nine Carnegie libraries in the Bronx at this time are administered by the New York Public Library, but no funds are available for extension work.

## New Buildings

THE JACOB H. SCHIFF Memorial Library, one of the group of three new buildings erected by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America at 122nd Street and Broadway, New York City, was dedicated October 26.

THE CORNER-STONE of the Stewart Memorial Library, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was laid October 15.

THE NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY, N. J., opened the North End Branch at 722 Summer Avenue on October 15. This is Newark's eighth branch library building.

## Medical Books Loaned in New England

THE BOSTON MEDICAL LIBRARY, one of the largest and best medical libraries in the country and containing over 150,000 volumes, has adopted the policy of lending its books to any doctor in New England. The physicians of this State may avail themselves of this service in two ways—first, without expense except for postage by interlibrary loan, borrowing through the Vermont State Library or any local public library; second, by joining the library and borrowing books from the library direct. The membership fee for this latter service is \$5 per year.

## Bibliophile Tour

TEN GERMAN librarians and bookmen arrived on the North German Lloyd steamer "Bremen" on October 9 for a seventeen-day tour of Eastern book centers. The itinerary as given in the

September 1 issue of THE LIBRARY JOURNAL was followed closely with Mr. Stechel of the American Express Company conducting the group. The party sailed from New York, on the same steamer which brought them over, on October 25.

## Music Department in American Library in Paris

ON SEPTEMBER 24th a program of experimental American music inaugurated the new Music Department of the American Library in Paris. Miss Dorothy Lawton, who organized the department, states that it is the first to be established outside the United States and was born of the inspiration Americans have received from France for the last century. All students and others will be permitted access to the musical works, and the library will otherwise help anyone interested in music. It is planned to give other musical programs at regular intervals.

## List of New Books for Hospital Libraries

(Continued from page 877)

Rosman, A. G. *Young and Secret*. Minton. \$2.

A novel of family life wherein the father feels left out of the companionly relationship between the mother and daughter. The family is kept intact by the girl's comprehension of the situation. Women patients will appreciate.

Sibour, V. S. *Flying Gypsies*. Putnam. \$2.50.

To break the monotony of life, an American-born countess and her French husband make a trip around the world in a little open cockpit plane, crossing the two oceans via boat. Good adventure.

Sparkes, Boyden, and Moore, S. T. *Hetty Green, a Woman Who Loved Money*. Doubleday, Doran. \$5.

The biography of a unique and eccentric figure in the American financial world of yesterday whose methods of saving made her prominent. Considered stingy, she nevertheless is described as a "gay, jolly old lady."

Sparling, Earl. *Mystery Men of Wall Street*. Greenberg. \$3.50.

After reading the account of how one millionaire after another increases his wealth by playing the market, it is rather evident that the small gambler is leaning heavily on luck, for his money becomes the plaything of change in the battles between financial wizards.

Sutley, Z. T. *Last Frontier*. Macmillan. \$3.

The author roamed all over the west in the exciting pioneer days and had the knack of being in the vanguard when things began to happen. Will be liked by western fans.

Terhune, A. P. *To the Best of My Memory*. Harper. \$4.

Not the story of his life with his dogs, but an exceedingly human picture of the author's boyhood

and later experiences as reporter and author. An encouraging book, "the story of a happy life," to quote the subtitle.

Train, Arthur. *Paper Profits*. Liveright. \$2.50.

The hysterical frenzy of speculation that swept the country prior to the crash in the fall of 1929 is the keynote of the story of a man who lost everything when within an ace of his objective. In starting from the bottom again he found the happy home life he had lost in his pursuit of wealth.

Tyson, J. A. *Rhododendron Man*. Dutton. \$2.

The finger of suspicion pointed to several friends when a man was found murdered, but with the aid of a capable reporter the guilty person was located. Less tense than most mysteries. Large print.

Willoughby, Barrett. *Sitka, Portal of Romance*. Houghton. \$3.

An informal description of Sitka introducing bits of history, tradition, folklore, and emphasizing the Russian influence.

Waugh, Alec. *Hot Countries*. Farrar. \$3.50.

An unusual travel book which ignores historic backgrounds for the most part, omits dates and similar boring details, but which manages to convey the intangible spirit of a foreign place.

## Social Science Abstracts

(Continued from page 875)

attempted. Into this index went the labor of many months of specialists in the several fields and the advice of librarians, indexers and other consultants. The Index for 1929 is divided into three parts: I. The Cumulated Table of Contents; II. The Subject Index; III. The Authors' Index. The alphabetic Subject Index contains more than 25,000 items; the Authors' Index lists almost 10,000 names. The Index covers 142 pages, most of it in three columns, six point.

MARGARET BLANDER.

## School Library News

### The School Library Dinner at Los Angeles

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS who were at the Los Angeles Conference will not soon forget the dinner at the Beverly Hills Hotel. This was the annual meeting of the California School Library Association, and was made the occasion of welcoming the out-of-the-State school librarians and many leaders in the library world as honored guests. It was more than a friendly gathering of three hundred people, librarians of high and low degree, educators, and authors, enjoying a good dinner in good company; Annie Spencer Cutter called it a milestone in the history of the whole school librarian group.

A charming epitome of the program is contained in a letter from Mr. Adam Strohm to the chairman of the dinner committee:

"Now that I am back here to take account of the past weeks and enjoy over again some of the most memorable incidents, I certainly must first record my happy and grateful experience at the Beverly Hills Hotel, thanks to your courtesy and thoughtfulness.

"While I may not be able to voice my impressions, they were, nevertheless, very vivid and happy. The room itself and the arrangements were unique and perfect. . . . The program was a delightful California rendering of Shakespeare's *Seven Ages*: Mr. Curtis and his three-score and ten reminiscences; Halliburton, the spiritual gold seeker; Bromfield, the amusing mixture of revolting youth and ingratiating youngster; your flier author who could soar even mentally; the pioneer librarian of silver gray hair and sunny smiles; and, last of all, the interpreter of the Castilian California atmosphere—all of these were led forward gently and merrily by the toastmaster in a way that would brook no refusal.

"If it is a compliment to say that the most interesting professional man is the one who does not talk shop out of his office, then this gathering of school librarians was the most attractive because one was never conscious of the pedagogical atmosphere. Rather, it was sunshine and sunset, presumably California at her best. . . ."

The dinner was held in a spacious suburban hotel, to which the guests were brought in automobiles provided by the school librarians of the city. Rosa B. Cage, the president of the southern section of the California School Library Association, presided, while Laura

Grover Smith was toastmistress. The northern California school librarians joined in the welcome to those from other States through their president, Polly Hatch.

Mr. Milam, Mr. Keogh, Mr. Strohm, and Miss Cutter spoke briefly and graciously. The pioneer librarian, to whom Mr. Strohm refers, was Mary Foy, first librarian of Los Angeles. The other speakers whom he so delightfully characterizes, were John Jay Curtis, president of the Bobbs-Merrill Company; Richard Halliburton; Lieutenant John V. Deuel, author of *Speed Wings*; Louis Bromfield, and, finally, Lucretia del Valle Grady.

MARJORIE VAN DEUSEN.

### A Browsing Hour

IT HAS LONG BEEN a dream of the librarian at Wiley High School Library, Terre Haute, Ind., to have a regular browsing hour. When the ninth period was given to extra-curricular activities, the opportunity came to introduce this idea. It has been an interesting experiment, the only handicap being the lack of room. For this reason each student is limited to one period every week, the day being his own choice. Even with this arrangement there is a lively race to the library to secure a seat. The students have free access to the books and magazines, and there is an obvious development of individual taste. When the building program permits more space, it promises to be an effective method of cultivating the library habit.

### Club Programs

PROGRAMS, study outlines, and reading courses, grouped under one hundred and fifty subjects, are listed in "Helps for Club Program Makers," compiled by Elizabeth Gillette Henry and recently published by the A. L. A. Subjects, ranging from home economics, child study, and gardening to literature, psychology, and politics, include practically all of those topics to which women's clubs and other adult groups may wish to devote either a single meeting or an entire winter's program. Useful information on the organization of clubs and study groups is listed separately. Other special features of the booklet are a list of books from which original programs may be constructed, a directory of periodicals and organizations to which reference is made, and a directory of State agencies which will give advice and assistance to women's clubs.

## The Open Round Table

### A Warning to Librarians

*To the Editor of THE LIBRARY JOURNAL:*

Irving I. Ignatin was for a time a student at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a very tall, slender, dark, quiet, and well-dressed young man, who gained the privilege of frequenting the bookstack in the library by representing himself to be a graduate student. He has a fine taste for the best in literature, and has been unable to resist the temptation of helping himself to good books and smuggling them out of libraries for his personal use.

Thanks to the alert cooperation of Mr. James F. Meegan, proprietor of the Rare Book Shop, Washington, D. C., the University of Pennsylvania Library has been able to recover from Mr. Ignatin's quarters in Washington and in Philadelphia 119 of its books. The Free Library of Philadelphia also regained possession of some dozens of volumes by the same means. Ignatin has been indicted for the larceny of books from these libraries, and at his trial in Philadelphia, Sept. 30, he pleaded *nolo contendere*, and was given a three years' suspended sentence.

It is to be hoped that Ignatin has learned his lesson, but as he appears to lead a wandering life it seems worth while to warn librarians of his recent activities.

ASA DON DICKINSON,  
*Librarian, University of Pennsylvania.*

### Additional Lists

*To the Editor of THE LIBRARY JOURNAL:*

The following statement concerning "Official Publications of European Governments," on page 587 of THE LIBRARY JOURNAL for July, 1930, needs some modification:

"Compilation of a complete list is made difficult by the fact that, with the exception of the United Kingdom, the Irish Free State, Italy and Portugal, no attempt has been made by the individual governments to list their respective publications."

In January, 1928, the German Federal Ministry of the Interior at Berlin published the first issue of a *Monatliches Verzeichnis der Reichsdeutschen Amtlichen Druckschriften* containing the federal publications of the German government, the state governments, and the larger municipalities. This monthly catalog of German official publications which has

been regularly issued since 1928, is prepared at the Deutsche Bücherei, Leipzig.

Late in 1928 the Prussian State Library at Berlin issued the first volume of an accessions catalog for German official publications, federal, state and municipal, covering the first half of the calendar year 1927.

Within the past few months the Royal Library of The Netherlands at The Hague has issued the first volume of an annual List of Dutch official publications covering the central government, provinces and colonies for 1929.

Both the German and the Dutch lists are very carefully prepared, exact titles, statement of printing or publishing, contents, etc., and are a substantial evidence of the growing interest in the issue of official publications in European countries.

JAMES B. CHILDS,  
*Chief, Division of Documents,  
Library of Congress.*

### An Oversight

*To the Editor of THE LIBRARY JOURNAL:*

Through an oversight the name of the individual responsible for its preparation was omitted from Bulletin Number 1, Volume II of the Bureau of School Service, entitled, "The Type of High School Curriculum Which Gives the Best Preparation for College." This error was not detected until after some of the bulletins had been placed in the mail. The study was made by Dr. James Anderson Yates, Head of the Department of Chemical and Physical Sciences, Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Kan.

LEO M. CHAMBERLAIN,  
*Bureau of School Service,  
University of Kentucky, Lexington.*

### Increased Appropriation

*To the Editor of THE LIBRARY JOURNAL:*

In a season of hard times it is pleasant to be able to report that our appropriation for the coming year has been increased from 19¢ to 20.8¢. This has permitted us to employ one additional person on full time, and another on half time. We have also increased salaries for staff members above the junior grade.

S. M. JACOBUS,  
*Librarian, Pomona Public Library, Cal.*



## Suggestions, Please

*To the Editor of THE LIBRARY JOURNAL:*

A well known publisher is planning to enter the scientific and technical field, and has asked me to suggest scientific or technical subjects of interest to modern readers which are not covered by modern adequate treatments in book form. I have been able to offer him one or two suggestions, but it occurs to me that some of my colleagues may have had their attention called to other needs which it would be to everyone's advantage to have filled. I shall be personally grateful for and happy to pass on to the publisher—whom I am not at liberty to name—any suggestions which are sent me.

ASA DON DICKINSON,  
*Librarian, University  
of Pennsylvania, Pa.*

## Poster Suggests Old Manuscript

*To the Editor of THE LIBRARY JOURNAL:*

As vice-chairman of the Committee on Exhibitions and Activities in Libraries of the Bimillennium Vergilianum, I am requested by Miss MacVay, the general chairman of committees, to request a notice of the official poster which has been asked for by many schools and libraries.

This poster is printed in black on dark yellow Della Robbia paper, which suggests the page of an old manuscript. It is 22 in. x 34 in. and can be ordered direct from the headquarters of the American Classical League, New York University, University Heights, New York City. The price is 50 cents for a single poster, or three for \$1.

You may also care to note in your columns three Vergiliana catalogs, one published by the New York Public Library, one by the Pittsfield, Mass., Athenæum, and one by the Newberry Library of Chicago.

HENRY B. VAN HOESSEN,  
*Librarian, Brown University.*

## Sloping Shelves

*To the Editor of THE LIBRARY JOURNAL:*

Since writing the article on sloping shelves, printed in the August number of *THE LIBRARY JOURNAL*, I have learned about the sloping shelves devised by W. E. Henry of the University of Washington which were used by him with great success and are in use in the Seattle Public Library. I mentioned only slopes produced by using the usual shelf pins, but resting the front of the shelf on higher pins than the back of the shelf. Mr. Henry's device uses

shelves projecting in front of the case, the lowest shelf more than the one above. Mr. Jennings of the Seattle Public Library writes that "both borrowers and assistants seem to like these sloping shelves." Not having seen these shelves, I have tested the idea for myself and find that, with a shelf projecting from two to four inches and with a slope of one inch in three or four inches, to me the titles on the bottom shelf are as legible standing the usual distance in front of a bookcase as those on the middle shelves. Of course, the greater the slant and projection, the greater the legibility. But even a small projection produces remarkable results. It is a simple matter to arrange for the sloping and projection of the bottom and next shelf. The projection of even five inches is not inconvenient for the person consulting the shelves, as he usually stands a foot or so from the face of the bookcase. If, therefore, adjustment on shelf pins is not sufficiently effective, projecting the shelves will be entirely effective and this solves the problem of making the lowest shelf or shelves usable with entire convenience. Any carpenter can arrange shelves for wooden bookcases. The makers of steel cases can attend to their cases. An easy way of treating the projecting shelf is to use a support of the projecting part of the shelf by using a 3/8 strip fastened to the exposed ends, using one nail or screw, the strip lying against the upright. Even a lath will answer to make tests to see what is the best position for the shelf. The back of the shelf will rest on any blocking (or the present shelf if immovable). Using one nail or screw at first which acts as a pivot, adjustments are easily made.

WILLIS K. STETSON,  
*New Haven Public Library, Conn.*

## "Thanks To Books" Reprinted

*To the Editor of THE LIBRARY JOURNAL:*

In response to repeated requests for our folder containing Stefan Zweig's "Thanks to Books," Northwestern University Library has reprinted it (with the addition of a brief note of appreciation by Dr. Charles Macaulay Stuart). The typography is by Mr. William A. Kittredge, of R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co. (The Lakeside Press) Chicago. We shall be glad to send a complimentary copy to any library requesting it—or additional copies at five cents each (which will just cover the cost of printing and mailing).

THEODORE W. KOCH,  
*Northwestern University Library,  
Evanston, Ill.*



## Library Organizations

### Diplomat Addresses Maine Groups

**S**ELDOM has the Maine Library Association had a better attended or a more successful series of sessions than those held at Bar Harbor September 10 to 11. The usual pleasant social features were provided by the hospitable people of Bar Harbor, but the serious emphasis of the gathering was placed upon the raising of the standards of librarianship in the state of Maine. The requirements for library positions in other States, notably New York, were cited, and resolutions were passed tending to place Maine librarians higher in their profession.

The first event of the convention was a banquet at the Newport House at which Elmar T. Boyd, librarian of the Bangor Public Library, served as toastmaster. The address of welcome was delivered by Frederick C. Lyman, President, Board of Managers of the Jessup Memorial Library, in which he outlined the history of Bar Harbor. Mrs. Ada M. Britton, librarian of the Caribou Public Library and president of the Association made a graceful response. Mr. Henry E. Dunnack, Librarian of the Maine State Library, who had attended the conference in Los Angeles of the American Library Association gave an address "Maine to California with the Librarians," in which he eloquently described the wonders seen in crossing the continent, and the valuable accomplishments of the conference. It is no reflection on the other speakers to say that the outstanding personage present was Honorable Henry Morgenthau. His diplomatic career and very successful work as chairman of the Near East Relief in making provision for, and establishing in the already crowded country of Greece, one and a quarter millions of people driven out of Turkey are too well known to need comment here. Many have read of it in his book, *I Was Sent to Athens*, but to hear the story first hand was a great privilege and thoroughly appreciated. The Thursday morning session opened with a "Forecast of New Books," by Charles C. Campbell of Portland. Forthcoming publications are, of course, of great interest to librarians, and the speaker made his talk of practical help by giving brief prophecies concerning each of 109 books soon to be published, which would indicate their probable relative importance and value for a library. A lecture greatly enjoyed was "Man's Funnybone," by Dr. Edwin M. Wright, Profes-

sor of English Literature in Bates College. His review of humorous literature of all ages and all classes, and the psychology of its appeal was very scholarly, and his audience was also highly entertained by his own "comic relief." Routine business occupied parts of two morning sessions, but was of considerable interest from the fact that the treasury was revealed to be in such a prosperous condition. This very satisfactory state of affairs is owing to the drive for membership conducted for two years by the retiring president, Mrs. Britton. At the evening session Dr. Franklin W. Johnson, president of Colby College, delivered an address on school libraries. He made reference to the very successful efforts of different school librarians in cooperating with the teachers in furnishing the best available material for classes, and inculcating good study habits. By means of an illustrated lecture by Dr. Calvin M. Clark, Professor of Ecclesiastical History in Bangor Theological Seminary, the librarians witnessed the Passion Play, and viewed the interesting scenery and people of Oberammergau and its environs. On Friday morning the inspiring features of the Northeastern Library Convention at Swampscott were recalled to the minds of her audience in a pleasing talk by Mrs. Robert G. Stubbs of Hallowell, formerly of the Maine State Library. One delightful number on the program at Swampscott was the story telling by Mr. Cronan of Boston. Fortunately Mr. and Mrs. Cronan have a summer home at Deer Isle, Me., and they delighted the staid adults with their stories for children. Louis T. Ibbotson of the University of Maine Library was made president of the Association for the coming year.

### An Institute of Inter-American Affairs

**T**HE COMMENCEMENT season of June, 1930, was a very important as well as a very interesting one at the University of Florida. It was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the school. The climax of Commencement was reached when the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon His Excellency Señor Don Orestes Ferrara, the Ambassador from Cuba to the United States. At this time the announcement was also made of the inauguration of an inter-American program. The University is establishing an Institute of Inter-American Affairs. The geograph-

ical situation of the two continents adds much interest to the organization and the mutual benefits that may be derived by both North and South America. Present-day facilities of transportation break down the barrier of distance and make it all the more necessary that we understand our South American neighbors and know more of their interests and what they are thinking and doing. According to a statement of the Acting Director the Institute of Inter-American Affairs was founded with the following aims: (1) To foster international good will between the two Americas, (2) To hold conferences and institutes on inter-American affairs, (3) To stimulate interchange of ideas, (4) To encourage the exchange of students and professors between colleges and universities of the two continents, (5) To promote an interchange of cultural ideals, to stimulate specific studies common to the two Americas, (6) To promote inter-American interests in Agriculture, in trade and commerce, in education, in health, and in other fields of human endeavor. It is the purpose of the University to offer courses of special interest to the peoples of these countries. It is hoped that it will be possible in the near future to inaugurate the system of exchange of professors and students between the University of Florida and the institutions of higher learning in these countries.

Plans are under way for holding regular conferences in which agriculture, commerce, education and other subjects of mutual interest will be discussed. The first of the conferences will be held at the University in February, 1931, and will be given over almost entirely to the discussion of subjects in the field of education.

With the above in mind it is easy to realize how vitally the University of Florida Library is concerned with the development of the Institute in its various phases. The University Library will be the laboratory for much of the work done, particularly that concerned with the work of exchange professors and students from the various countries as they study and teach in our University. As yet the collection of these allied subjects is not large, but a bibliography of all material now in the Library has been compiled. Books are being purchased and periodical subscriptions are being placed as rapidly as funds are available. Letters have been written to the Ministers of Education and to the Presidents of the Institutions of Higher Learning in the various countries in hopes of establishing an exchange list and in this way secure much valuable material. The field is very fertile and it is hoped that much will be accomplished to the mutual benefit and pleasure of all concerned.

## Book News

### Book Club Selections

(for November)

#### Book League of America

*The Waters Under the Earth*, by Martha Ostenso. Dodd, Mead.

#### Book-of-the-Month

*The Lives of a Bengal Lancer*, by Major F. Yeats-Brown. Viking.  
Mysterious and fabulous Hindustan, by a writer from the West.

#### Business Book League

*Industrial History of the United States*, by Witt Bowden. Adelphi.

#### Catholic Book Club

*Isabella of Spain: The Last Crusader*, by W. T. Walsh. McBride.

#### Freethought Book Club

*If I Were a God*, by Dr. William J. Robinson. Freethought Press.

#### Junior Literary Guild

*Ring-a-Round* (Primary Group), by Mildred Harrington. Macmillan.

*How They Carried the Mail* (Intermediate Group), by Joseph Walker. Sears.

*The Charlemonte Crest* (Older Girls), by Augusta Huiell Seaman. Doubleday, Doran.

*His Excellency and Peter* (Older Boys), by Theodore Acland Harper. Doubleday, Doran.

#### Literary Guild

*Success*, by Lion Feuchtwanger. Viking Press.  
The scene is post-war Munich, a state isolated in its customs and intrigues, seething with a thousand plots and corruptions.

#### Scientific Book Club

*Parade of the Living*, by John Hodgdon Bradley. Coward McCann.

The story of life on earth from the dawn of history to man.

## Among Librarians

SUSAN G. AKERS, Wisconsin '13, *Simple Library Cataloging* has been translated into Chinese by Samuel Tsu Yung Seng, director, Boone Library School, Central China College, Wuchang.

F. P. ALLEN, Columbia, has been appointed librarian of the Museums Library in the University of Michigan to succeed Mr. Kuster.

HALLIE DAY BACH, Pratt '29, formerly cataloger in the Eastern Kentucky State Teachers College Library, has been appointed librarian of the Henry Clay High School, Lexington, Ky.

NORA BATESON, Pratt '29, formerly reference librarian on the staff of the University of British Columbia Library, has been put in charge of work with rural schools in the Demonstration Library for the Fraser Library, British Columbia.

NORMA B. BENNETT, Pratt 1900, for many years librarian of the Madison, N. J., Public Library, has retired from library work and is living at Madison.

ELVERA L. BIANCHI, Simmons '25, is now librarian of the Norwood, Mass., Junior High School Library.

WILLIAM H. BREWER, JR., Pratt '29, has been appointed librarian of the Museum for the Arts of Decoration at Cooper Union.

MALVINA C. CLAUSEN, Wisconsin '12, was granted a master's degree by Columbia University after a year of study in the School of Library Service. She returned as librarian to the Oshkosh, Wis., State Teachers College Library in June for the summer session, having been granted leave of absence for study.

PEARL M. DAY, Pratt '28, formerly in the Economics Division of the New York Public Library, is now librarian of the public library at Larchmont, N. Y.

MADELINE DILWORTH, Simmons '26, has been appointed librarian of Limestone College, Gaffney, S. C.

MILDRED M. HAWKSWORTH, Wisconsin '28, was appointed librarian of Eastern Oregon Normal School Library, La Grande, Ore., in the spring. She has been the assistant librarian, Bradley Polytechnic Institute, since her graduation.

MRS. ELINOR HUSSELMAN will this fall resume her full-time position as Curator of Manuscripts and Papyri, University of Michigan Library, to which she has devoted only part time during the past year.

ESTHER C. JOHNSON, Simmons '16, has been appointed librarian of the Watertown High School Library, Watertown, Mass.

JOANNA KLINGHOLZ, Wisconsin '19, resigned as librarian of the Central High School Library, Flint, Mich., in July to become librarian of the Clifford B. Connolly Trade School, Pittsburgh.

MARGARET M. MCINTOSH, Wisconsin '27, has been selected as librarian of the Public Library, Fergus Falls, Minn. She has been on the staff of Connecticut College, New London, since her graduation.

STELLA BEAL MERWIN, Simmons '08, has become librarian of Jackson & Moreland Company, 31 St. James Avenue, Boston, a position she held a number of years ago, before she became Mrs. Merwin.

CHARLOTTE MICHAELSEN, Simmons '26, is now librarian of Thornton Township High School Library, Harvey, Ill. Miss Michaelson has been in Denmark for the last year.

MRS. ALICE PALMER MORRIS, Wisconsin '27, has accepted the position as librarian of the State Teachers' College, Morehead, Ky.

PAUL M. PAINE, who has been librarian of the Syracuse Public Library, New York, for fifteen years, was given a dinner by former staff members and trustees on Oct. 7 in honor of the occasion.

MARGARET REYNOLDS, Wisconsin '07, librarian of the First Wisconsin National Bank, Milwaukee, was elected president of the Special Libraries Association at its annual meeting in San Francisco, June 18-21.

JENNIE T. SCHRAGE, Wisconsin '18, has been appointed chief of the Traveling Library Department, Wisconsin Library Commission, to succeed Miss Long.

ANNA GRACE WOOD, Pratt '27, of the Brooklyn Museum Library staff, was married to Mr. Howard L. Turner on Aug. 2.

JANETTE WOOLSEY, Pratt '26, children's librarian in the Ohio State University Library, is working for a master's degree at the Columbia School of Library Service.

LUCILLE ESTHER WRIGHT, Simmons '28, for a few years on the staff of the Radcliffe College Library, was married Sept. 10 to Mr. Joseph Allen, Jr.

KWAN-TSING WU, of the University of Nanking Library, is the holder of a Carnegie fellowship for study in library work. He will attend Columbia University Library School during the present academic year.

## Opportunities

(This column is open to librarians.)

Library school graduate with experience in both adult and juvenile departments of public library, desires position. K10.

Position in children's or branch department of some library wanted by year's library course graduate with teacher's college certificate and four years of library experience. References. K11.

College and library school graduate desires position. Experienced in reference, cataloging, college and school work. Prefers cataloging or combination including cataloging. K12.

College and library school graduate with a year's experience in cataloging desires position in a college or public library. K13.

Young woman, college and library school graduate, desires position as library assistant. K-14.

Children's librarian, experienced, with highest references, desires position. K-15.

College graduate, with certificates from Riverside and Columbia and three years' experience in public library, desires position in public or high school library. Reference work preferred. K-16.

Experienced cataloger, college graduate with library training and teaching experience, will be available Nov. 15. Would consider temporary position of six to nine months. Salary \$200. College library preferred. K-17.

College and library school graduate with teaching experience and some public, college, and university library experience, desires position in library at once. South preferred, but will consider other localities. K-18.

## Books to Read

BOOKS TO READ, a classified and annotated catalog, published by The Library Association, was compiled by a joint committee representing The Library Association, The National Association of Boys' Clubs, and The National Council of Girls' Clubs in cooperation with the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, London. This is an attempt on the part of these several organizations to offer to schools, clubs, and public libraries a careful selection of books for readers between the ages of twelve and twenty-one—the period of adolescence. The catalog covers all subjects likely to interest these readers and each book is extensively described and annotated. Publication of this catalog has only been made possible by the generous cooperation of the Carnegie Trust. Libraries, schools, and clubs may obtain twelve or more copies for 7/6 net per copy, twenty-five copies for 6/-, or fifty copies for 5/-.

## The Calendar

Oct. 29-Nov. 1—Southwestern Library Association meeting at Dallas, Tex.

Nov. 6-7—New Mexico Library Association, annual meeting at Albuquerque, N. M.

Nov. 10—Arizona State Library Association, annual meeting at Phoenix, Ariz.

Nov. 20-23—Negro Library Conference, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

Nov. 21—Illinois High School Library Association meets as Section of High School conference at Urbana, Ill.

Nov. 27-29—Southeastern Library Association, annual meeting at Tampa, Fla.

Dec. 29-31—Midwinter meeting of the American Library Association will be held at the Drake Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

## Wanted

THE LAURENS County Library, Laurens, S. C., wishes to secure copies of *Booklist Books* for the year 1927, 1928. Apply direct.

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SOME OF THE AUGUST issues of *Printers' Ink* and *Advertising and Selling* carried full-page ads of Batten, Barton, Durstine, and Osborn with a picture of Mary Louise Alexander, librarian, and an interesting statement on what the Library Research Department is asked to do. The heading of the ad is, "Questions That Aren't Foolish." This is, we believe, the first time that a library has been made the main theme for an advertisement. The October issue of *The Ladies' Home Journal* also had an interesting article on "Women in Advertising," in which Miss Alexander was included, written by Catherine Oglesby.



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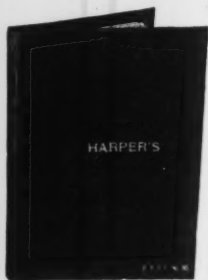


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